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L&O meeting has full agenda

By AMY PORTER
Correspondent

WESTFIELD – The Legislative & Ordinance sub-committee, chaired by Ward 6 Councilor William Onyski, will meet on Wed., May 1 at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers to review items for the City Council meeting on Thursday. Onyski said the committee is working hard and successfully to move items out that have been in committee.

One of those items is a motion from At-large Councilor Dave Flaherty that non-resident employees of Westfield businesses, not just owners, be allowed to serve on board and commission (excluding the Fire Commission, Police Commission, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals) upon nomination by the Mayor and confirmation by the

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Fire Chief offers feedback on 2019 Open Burning Season

By GREG FITZPATRICK
Correspondent

SOUTHWICK – With open burning season in Massachusetts running from January 15 until May 1, the season is about to end and Southwick Fire Chief Russ Anderson has given his thoughts on how the open burning season fared in Southwick.

According to the regulations from Mass DEP (Department of Environmental Protection), open burning can only take place between the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Anderson was happy to report that the majority of residents complied with the regulations.

"It has been a quiet season with only a couple of fires burning after 4 p.m.," said Anderson. "Permittees have been very vigilant in following the rules and it shows with minimum calls for fires getting out of hand.

The several days of rain experienced between January until now has also attributed to the minimal issues with open burning getting out of control.

"We have only shut down burning about eight days over the three-month burning season due to wind conditions forecasted for the afternoons," said Anderson.

Anderson also added that the

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School department budget reviewed

By AMY PORTER
Correspondent

WESTFIELD – On Monday, Westfield Public Schools Superintendent Stefan Czaporowski and Chief Financial Officer Ronald R. Rix presented the proposed FY20 district budget to the School Committee's Finance sub-committee, chaired by Tim O'Connor. Czaporowski described it as a balanced budget with no increase to the city, plus a savings of $465,000 on the city side in health insurance benefits, due to 37 fewer employees.

The superintendent said initial requests from the schools showed a potential increase of $6.1 million. The district then reduced the increase to $1.9 million, which will be offset by an increase in Chapter 70 local aid of approx. $2.1 million from the state.

The total FY20 budget request before the state is $63,164,542, a 3.1% increase over FY19. The budget request to the city is $61,240,790, which equals the FY19 approved budget for the school district.

"I think we're doing a lot of the right things," Czaporowski said.

Rix said FY20 is a unique year, and the strategic proposal addresses the district's needs into the future. He said the $2.1 million increase in Chapter 70 is intended by the state to update a funding formula last redone in 1993, before the current increased costs and demands for special education, English language learners and health insurance. "We've tried to apply the spirit and intent of the new formula," Rix said.

O'Connor asked how the district will sustain the new investments in two years. Rix said the budget contains one-time and strategic investments in facilities, technology and instructional supplies instead of increased personnel that would have to be sustained. He said the FY20 budget is 77% personnel and 23% expenses, down from 80/20 previously.



School Committee members Bo Sullivan, Cindy Sullivan, Tim O'Connor and Mayor Brian P. Sullivan at budget review on Monday. **(Photo by Amy Porter)**

In facilities, Rix said they are looking to hire an HVAC person and free up $100,000 in maintenance costs to re-invest back into the maintenance budget. He

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Westfield vs. Northampton

A stick check by long stick defenseman Aidan Boyle causes the Northampton player to lose the ball. See additional photos, story in today's Sports Section. **(Photo by Bill Deren)**



MAYOR BRIAN SULLIVAN

Westfield July 4th Fireworks to take hiatus

WESTFIELD – Mayor Brian P. Sullivan and Community Development Director Peter Miller announced today that the traditional Fireworks for Freedom in celebration of Independence Day will not be held in 2019. The City and its partner, the Friends of the Westfield 350, will focus their efforts and finances on enhancing the City's 350th Birthday Weekend Fireworks celebration on Saturday, May 18th.

The "Fireworks for Freedom," which for many years was sponsored by civic organizations, including the Jaycees, Kiwanis Club, the Rotary Club, and by private citizens, has been the responsibility of the City for the past three years. The City relies primarily on private donations to raise the $25,000 necessary to produce the event. This year, businesses and citizens have generously supported several local initiatives, including the various 350th birthday celebrations and the Babe Ruth World Series, among others.

"This is an incredibly difficult decision to make," Mayor Sullivan said. "We are very fortunate in Westfield to have sponsors who step up year in and year out to make this celebration happen, and they've all been very generous this year in helping us and Westfield 350 put

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Restaurant proposes outdoor dining to License Commission

By PETER CURRIER
Correspondent

WESTFIELD — The Westfield License Commission met Monday evening at City Hall to discuss and vote on granting a license alteration to allow The Hangar on School Street to open an outdoor dining area where alcohol would be served, and music played.

Harold Tramazzo, the owner of The Hangar in Westfield, was present to give his case to the commission. The License Commission, which consisted of just Chairman Christopher Mowatt and Commissioner Alice Dawicki while Edward Diaz was absent, chose to vote separately on the subjects of serving alcohol outdoors and playing music outdoors. They voted to allow the serving of alcohol in the planned outdoor dining patio, but chose to wait until May 13th to vote on allowing music to be played through speakers outside.

Tramazzo argued that the patio space on the northern side of The Hangar is underutilized.

"You guys built this beautiful thing outside of our building and it sits empty," said Tramazzo, "There is definitely a demand for outdoor seating."

Tramazzo has agreed to lease the small

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From Left: License Commissioners Christopher Mowatt and Alice Dawicki. The two voted to allow alcohol to be served on The Hangars upcoming outdoor dining patio, but they chose to wait on voting for allowing music to be played.

Public hearing held to discuss two proposed amendments

By GREG FITZPATRICK
Correspondent

GRANVILLE – The Planning Board held a public hearing at the Granville Town Hall on Monday night to discuss two proposed amendments regarding solar energy that will be voted on at the annual town meeting on May 13.

The two amendments will be separate warrant articles but are related to one another.

One of the warrant articles is to see if the town will allow the Planning Board to become the granting authority for all special permits for proposed solar projects. Currently, the Zoning Board of Appeals is the granting authority.

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American Legion and Pine Hill Cemetery to hold gravestone cleanup day



Volunteers from last year's headstone cleanup in May. They can be seen applying D2 to the stones to remove the stains. **(Photo submitted)**

By PETER CURRIER
Correspondent

WESTFIELD- The American Legion Post 124 and the Friends of Pine Hill Cemetery will be holding another headstone cleaning day Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in an effort to preserve the monuments in the 175-year-old cemetery.

Gene Theroux, Past Commander of Post 124, said that Sunday's cleanup ahead of Memorial Day will have two major tasks. They will be cleaning the head and footstones of veterans interred at the cemetery, and

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CSF Westfield Dollars for Scholars annual shredding fundraiser

On Saturday morning the CSF Westfield Dollars for Scholars held their annual fund raising paper shredding event at the Westfield Senior Center. Money raised at this event and others is used to provide scholarships to Westfield Students pursuing a higher education. These scholarships are awarded each May. The shredding service is provided free of charge by Valley Green Shredding of Westfield. Pictured are Matt Bousquet ,Valley Green Shredding, Ann Mello, Anne Tyler, Laurie Lambardini, Blake Tyler, Cindy Gaylord, Gabrielle Tyler, Mike Rockwal, and Dick Holcomb.
(Photo by Don Wielgus)

22 STORM NEWS TEAM LOCAL FORECAST

TONIGHT

Mostly Cloudy.

41-42

WEDNESDAY

Mostly Cloudy, Showers.

53-56

THURSDAY

Showers Likely.

56-58

Today: Rain likely, mainly before 11am. Cloudy, with a high near 56. Chance of precipitation is 60%. Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 41. Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 56. Wednesday Night: Showers likely, mainly after 11pm. Cloudy, with a low around 46. Chance of precipitation is 70%. Thursday: Showers likely. Cloudy, with a high near 58. East wind around 6 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. Thursday Night: Showers likely, Cloudy, with a low around 47.

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ODDS & ENDS

Man accused of flushing grandparents' ashes down toilet

MCKEESPORT, Pa. (AP) — Authorities say a western Pennsylvania man flushed his grandparents' ashes down a toilet after his mother kicked him out of her home.

The Tribune-Review reports that Thomas Wells was arraigned Monday on two counts of abuse of a corpse and a criminal mischief charge.

McKeesport police say the 33-year-old Pittsburgh man had been staying with his mother for a brief time before she asked him to leave last September.

The mother told police in February that a relative told her Wells had flushed her parents' ashes before he left. The ashes were kept in a box in the mother's bedroom.

Authorities say Wells told his mother he had not flushed the ashes down a toilet.

But the mother says Wells later said he would flush her remains after she dies.

LOCAL LOTTERY

LAST NIGHT'S NUMBERS

MASSACHUSETTS

Lucky For Life
07-22-28-39-48, Lucky Ball: 5
MassCash 04-16-19-27-34
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: $229 million
Numbers Evening
7-0-3-6
Numbers Midday
6-8-3-7
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: $181 million

THE LOTTERY

CONNECTICUT

Cash 5
12-22-26-28-31
Lucky For Life
07-22-28-39-48, Lucky Ball: 5
Lucky Links Day
04-06-08-10-11-20-21-22
Lucky Links Night
04-09-13-14-16-18-19-20
Play3 Day 8-1-4
Play3 Night 4-4-8
Play4 Day 8-7-5-5
Play4 Night 4-4-5-3

TODAY IN HISTORY

TODAY IS TUESDAY, APRIL 30, THE 120TH DAY OF 2019. THERE ARE 245 DAYS LEFT IN THE YEAR.

On April 30, 1975, the Vietnam War ended as the South Vietnamese capital of Saigon fell to Communist forces.

ON THIS DATE:

In 1789, George Washington took the oath of office in New York as the first president of the United States.

In 1803, the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France for 60 million francs, the equivalent of about $15 million.

In 1812, Louisiana became the 18th state of the Union.

In 1900, engineer John Luther "Casey" Jones of the Illinois Central Railroad died in a train wreck near Vaughan, Mississippi, after staying at the controls in a successful effort to save the passengers.

In 1912, Universal Studios had its beginnings as papers incorporating the Universal Film Manufacturing Co. were filed and recorded in New York State.

In 1945, as Soviet troops approached his Berlin bunker, Adolf Hitler committed suicide along with his wife of one day, Eva Braun.

In 1968, New York City police forcibly removed student demonstrators occupying five buildings at Columbia University.

In 1970, President Richard M. Nixon announced the U.S. was sending troops into Cambodia, an action that sparked widespread protest.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon announced the resignations of top aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman, Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst and White House counsel John Dean, who was actually fired.

In 1983, blues singer and guitarist Muddy Waters died in Westmont, Ill., at age 68.

In 1993, top-ranked women's tennis player Monica Seles was stabbed in the back during a match in Hamburg, Germany, by a man who described himself as a fan of second-ranked German player Steffi Graf. (The man, convicted of causing grievous bodily harm, was given a suspended sentence.)

In 2004, Arabs expressed outrage at graphic photographs of naked Iraqi prisoners being humiliated by U.S. military police; President George W. Bush condemned the mistreatment of prisoners, saying "that's not the way we do things in America."

TEN YEARS AGO:

Riding a crest of populist anger, the House approved, 357-70, a bill to restrict credit card practices and eliminate sudden increases in interest rates and late fees. Chrysler filed for bankruptcy protection; the federal government pledged up to $8 billion in additional aid and to back warranties. The Iraq war formally ended for British forces as they handed control of the oil-rich Basra area to U.S. commanders. A man drove his car into a crowd of parade spectators in Amsterdam, killing seven people in an attempt to attack the Dutch royal family (the attacker, Karst Tates, died of his injuries).

FIVE YEARS AGO:

Iraq voted in its first nationwide election since U.S. troops withdrew in 2011. Police in Northern Ireland arrested Sinn Fein (shin fayn) party leader Gerry Adams over his alleged involvement in the Irish Republican Army's 1972 abduction, killing and secret burial of a 38-year-old Belfast widow, Jean McConville (Adams was released without charge). A lawyer for Toronto Mayor Rob Ford said Ford would take a leave of absence to seek help for substance abuse.

ONE YEAR AGO:

Central Americans who traveled in a caravan through Mexico to the U.S. border near San Diego began turning themselves in to U.S. authorities to seek asylum in a challenge to the Trump administration. New details emerged on a rift between White House Chief of Staff John Kelly and President Donald Trump, with one former administration official saying Kelly had privately called Trump "an idiot." (Trump announced in December that Kelly would be leaving at the end of the year.) The Time's Up campaign, devoted to helping women in the aftermath of sexual abuse, called for further investigation into allegations that singer R. Kelly had sexually abused women. (R. Kelly would be charged in February with 10 counts of aggravated sexual abuse; investigators alleged that he had abused three girls and a woman starting in the late 1990s.)

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:

Actress Cloris Leachman is 93. Singer Willie Nelson is 86. Actor Burt Young is 79. King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden is 73. Movie director Allan Arkush is 71. Actor Perry King is 71. Singer-musician Wayne Kramer is 71. Singer Merrill Osmond is 66. Movie director Jane Campion is 65. Movie director Lars von Trier is 63. Former Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper is 60. Actor Paul Gross is 60. Basketball Hall of Famer Isiah Thomas is 58. Country musician Robert Reynolds is 57. Actor Adrian Pasdar is 54. Rock singer J.R. Richards (Dishwalla) is 52. Rapper Turbo B (Snap) is 52. Rock musician Clark Vogeler is 50. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chris "Choc" Dalyrimple (Soul For Real) is 48. Rock musician Chris Henderson (3 Doors Down) is 48. Country singer Carolyn Dawn Johnson is 48. Actress Lisa Dean Ryan is 47. Rhythm-and-blues singer Akon is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jeff Timmons (98 Degrees) is 46. Actor Johnny Galecki is 44. Singer-musician Cole Deggs (Cole Deggs and the Lonesome) is 43. Actor Sam Heughan is 39. Actor Kunal Nayyar is 38. Rapper Lloyd Banks is 37. Actress Kirsten Dunst is 37. Country singer Tyler Wilkinson (The Wilkinsons) is 35. Actress Dianna Agron is 33. Country singer Brandon Lancaster is 30. Rapper/producer Travis Scott is 28.



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FRIDAY, MAY 17TH

3:30 PM-4:30 PM **Proclamation Ceremony** – Westfield City Hall
5:00 PM-8:00 PM **Run Westfield Fitness Expo** – Race Headquarters, Depot Square, 16 N. Elm Street
5:00 PM-9:00 PM **ArtWalk** (5-7pm) **& ArtWalk Afterhours** (7-9pm) – Gaslight District & Westfield Creative Arts, 105 Elm St.

SATURDAY, MAY 18TH

7:30 AM-8:30 AM **Yoga By The River** – Kane/Wojtkiewicz Park by the Great River Bridge
7:30 AM-11:00 AM **Community Pancake Breakfast** – Westfield Middle School (12 & under $3 • 13+ $6)
9:00 AM-10:30 AM **Columbia Greenway Children's Bike Rodeo** – Westfield YMCA - Rear Parking Lot
10:00 AM-2:00 PM **Utility Box Mural Painting Projects** (3) – Around Park Square Green
11:00 AM-12:30 PM **Yoga for Gardeners** – Grandmothers Garden
11:00 AM-1:00 PM **Columbia Greenway Rail Trail Quest** – Run Westfield 5K Road Race Finish Line – Elm Street
1:00 PM-2:00 PM **Pollinator Gardening** – Grandmothers Garden
1:00 PM-5:00 PM **Run Westfield America's Fastest 5K** – from WSU and block party on Elm Street
2:00 PM-4:00 PM **"Time in Westfield" Musical Matinee** – Westfield Women's Club
5:30 PM-7:00 PM **Children's Carnival Games & Hotdog Roast** – Amelia's Garden
7:00 PM-9:00 PM **Beach Boys Tribute** with The Driftwoods – Fields behind Boys & Girls Club
9:00 PM **Fireworks!** – Fields behind Boys & Girls Club
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SUNDAY, MAY 19TH

11:00 AM **Community Parade – Staging** – Stanley Park & Westfield State University
1:00 PM **Community Parade – Start** – Western Avenue & Kensington Avenue
4:00 PM **Viewing Stand & End Of Parade*** – Westfield Athenaeum side lawn
4:15 PM **Mummers Woodland String Band Performance*** – Park Square Green immediately following parade with **Cupcakes** from ***Westfield Technical Academy*** and **Hoodsie Cups** from ***Hood Ice Cream*** – while supplies last.

** Times approximate based on length and pace of the parade*

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said the district's investment in maintenance has already lowered energy consumption and costs.

Rix said they are also making a one-time investment of $150,000 in new curriculum for social studies, which will have a six-year life.

Some special education services are being contracted out, largely due to the difficulty of hiring specialized professionals, who are in great demand region-wide for the positions.

Finance committee member Ramon Diaz, Jr. said having more contracted positions in special education results in a savings to the city in insurance benefits. He said the district is incurring some of the costs from the city. "We need to make sure next year that message gets out. We're trying to pull some of the burden off the city," Diaz said.

Rix said when the district contracts out for services, it costs a little more per person, because the benefits and health insurance that would be paid by the city for full-time staff positions are included in the cost of the contracts.

Czaporowski said contracting some of the services also takes a burden off the school district, because they were struggling to fill those positions. Human Resource director Paula Ceglowski gave the example of a speech therapist who had resigned, and the district used the money to contract out the services when they weren't able to fill the position. Czaporowski said the shortage of speech therapists is a Western Mass-wide problem.

Rix said the district is also running a deficit in special education out-of-district tuitions, which are offset in part by Circuit Breaker and other grants. Martha H. von Mering, administrator of special education for the district said there are 80 students out of district right now. Total out-of-district tuitions equal $4.8 million for in-state placements, plus $300,000 for one out-of-state residential placement; while the offsets equal $1.7 million.

Czaporowski said $1.4 million of the increased Chapter 70 funds will be used to cover the same amount of increases in the special education budget for FY20.



District CFO Ronald R. RIx and Superintendent Stefan Czaporowski answer questions from the School Committee. **(Photo by Amy Porter)**

School Committee member Diane Mayhew asked whether there was any sense that children who were sent out of district might come back. Czaporowski said it can be difficult, especially if the child is successful in the program they are attending.

"We need to provide services for every child. We're saving millions with the programs we do have, that we didn't have six years ago," School and Finance committee member Cindy Sullivan said. Diaz said the district is doing its due diligence to keep kids in Westfield.

"As we continue to build programs, we will bring children back," said von Mering. She said they are currently looking for possible spaces for a smaller, alternative school for a trauma-based program for children with emotional impairment, which she said is "down the road."

Czaporowski said there are eight students going out of district for vocational programs not offered at Westfield Technical Academy, such as animal husbandry. The total anticipated cost of vocational out-of-district tuition is $153,000. In response to a question, he said that WTA is at capacity, which is why they are developing new career track programs at WHS, including engineering and criminal justice. Some startup money is in the budget for these two career technical programs at WHS, Rix said.

Czaporowski said WTA brought in approx. $1.4 million in tuition from out-of-district students this past year, which goes into the general fund. Mayor Brian P. Sullivan said the city will be looking to return some of that money in investments in the WTA's programs in the FY20 city budget.

WTA Principal Joseph Langone said there are 155 incoming freshman in FY20, 125 from Westfield, and 30 out of district; and the school is on track to maintain that income in tuition.

Rix said the state sets the rate for the tuition for vocational schools, which is not yet set.

Council President Ralph Figy, who attended the budget review along with Councilors Mary Ann Babinski and Cindy C. Harris, said the state vocational tuition rate is based on the amount of money in the school's budget. "The higher the numbers, the higher the tuition rate," Figy said.

School Committee member Bo Sullivan asked whether any negotiated raises are in the budget, as Unit A, custodians and secretaries are currently in negotiations for new three-year contracts. Rix said the bottom line would remain the same following negotiations, but the district would work on any changes to the line items with the School Committee.

After reviewing individual school building-based budgets and expenses, Diaz made a motion to accept the budget proposal as presented, which passed the Finance sub-committee 3-0. The School Committee is expected to vote on the budget at its next meeting on Monday, May 4.

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

SOUTHWICK:
Open Space and Recreation Planning Meeting at 6:30 pm

HUNTINGTON:
Board of Health at 6 pm

THURSDAY, MAY 2

WESTFIELD:
City Council and Municipal Light Board Joint Meeting at 6 pm

FRIDAY, MAY 3

HUNTINGTON:
Water & Sewer at 7 pm

TUESDAY, MAY 7

HUNTINGTON:
Council on Aging at 1 pm

WESTFIELD:
Planning Board at 7 pm

SOUTHWICK:
Planning Board Public Hearing at 7:15 pm
Planning Board Public Hearing at 8 pm



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City Council. Onyski said the change to allow non-resident business owners to serve came in 2010. This request came up due to a Westfield business employee and former resident who has expertise to offer the Historic Commission, and who is interesting in serving, Onyski said.



WILLIAM ONYSKI
Ward 6 City Councilor

$272,000 remaining on a Bond Order to restore and preserve Hangar Two at Westfield Barnes Airport will be rescinded as the project is completed, and the remaining funds unborrowed. Bonds to be rescinded must pass through the L&O committee procedurally, Onyski said.

Another procedural item is the order of appropriation of Community Preservation Act funds of $90,000 for taking of easements for the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail central downtown section, which was approved at the Community Preservation Committee's quarterly meeting on April 11.

Also being discussion at L&O will be a Special Tax Assessment (STA) for Toll Bros., Inc. at 100 Apremont Way. Toll Brothers, a building products company at 100 Apremont Way, is expanding with a $1.7 million current investment in upgrades and equipment and a potential for up to $3.8 million, and 15 to 35 new jobs in manufacturing. The STA will allow them entry into the state incentive program, according to Mayor Brian P. Sullivan last week, who said the real estate taxes on the existing business will continue to be paid.

A Resolution of the City Council to accept the BRAVE Act, a new state law that will allow for property tax exemption for the full amount of real estate evaluation for surviving parents or guardians of soldiers and sailors, members of the National Guard and Veterans who died as a proximate result of injury suffered in the line of duty, will be reviewed and brought out to the City Council for a recommendation at the Thursday, May 2 meeting.

The short term rental ordinance will be reviewed, following two public hearings at Planning Board and City Council meetings earlier this month. Onyski said there may be further amendments to the ordinance made on the floor at L&O, but he is expecting to bring it out to the City Council with a recommendation at Thursday's meeting.

Also being reviewed following public hearings are petitions from Verizon and Westfield G&E to place on jointly owned pole on Westwood Ave., and six at several locations on Western Ave., due to upcoming construction on Western Ave.



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COMMENT



In this Jan. 25, 2019, file photo, Senate Minority Leader Sen. Chuck Schumer of N.Y., accompanied by Speaker Nancy Pelosi of Calif., left, calls on a reporter during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington. President Donald Trump and Pelosi and Schumer are coming together in search of a plan to fix the country's crumbling infrastructure. It's seen as the issue with the best chance for the two sides to work together _ though the odds aren't good. **(AP Photo/Andrew Harnik, File)**

Trump says he wants asylum seekers to pay a fee to apply

By JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is proposing charging asylum seekers a fee to process their applications as he continues to try to crack down on the surge of Central American migrants seeking to cross into the U.S.

In a presidential memorandum signed Monday, Trump directed his attorney general and acting homeland security secretary to take additional measures to overhaul the asylum system, which he insists "is in crisis" and plagued by "rampant abuse."

The changes are just the latest in a series of proposals from an administration that is struggling to cope with a surge of migrant families arriving at the southern border that has overwhelmed federal resources and complicated Trump's efforts to claim victory at the border as he runs for re-election. Most of those arriving say they are fleeing violence and poverty, and many request asylum under U.S. and international law.

As part of the memo, Trump is giving officials 90 days to come up with new regulations to ensure that applications are adjudicated within 180 days of filing, except under exceptional circumstances.

And he is directing officials to begin charging a fee to process asylum and employment authorization applications, which do not currently require payment.

The White House and Department of Homeland Security officials did not immediately respond to questions about how much applicants might be forced to pay, and it is unclear how many families fleeing poverty would be able to afford such a payment.

A spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, at a regular U.N. briefing in Geneva on Tuesday, said he had no information on the fees and other measures in the proposal from Trump. But seeking asylum, spokesman Charlie Yaxley said, "is a fundamental human right, and people should be allowed to exercise those rights when seeking to seek asylum."

Trump's memo says the price would not exceed the cost of processing applications, but officials did not immediately provide an estimate for what that might be.

Trump also wants to bar anyone who has entered or tried to enter the country illegally from receiving a provisional work permit and is calling on officials to immediately revoke work authorizations when people are denied asylum and ordered removed from the country.

The Republican president also is calling on Homeland Security to reassign immigration officers and any other staff "to improve the integrity of adjudications of credible and reasonable fear claims, to strengthen the enforcement of the immigration laws, and to ensure compliance with the law by those aliens who have final orders of removal."

Arrests along the southern border have skyrocketed in recent months, with border agents making more than 100,000 arrests or denials of entry in March, a 12-year high.

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen resigned in early April amid Trump's increasing frustration over how many Central American families were crossing the U.S.-Mexico border.

Infrastructure bringing together Trump, Democratic leaders

By KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The last time President Donald Trump sat down with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer, the president walked out in a huff and dismissed their government shutdown talks as a "total waste of time."

Nearly four months later, the leaders are coming together again Tuesday, this time in search of a plan to fix the country's crumbling infrastructure. It's seen as the one issue with the best chance for the two sides to work together this Congress — and even that isn't given good odds for a fruitful ending.

The meeting plays out against the backdrop of high tensions over escalating Democratic investigations following the release of special counsel Robert Mueller's report into Russian meddling. Lawmakers and the Republican president also have on eye on the 2020 elections, meaning every provision of an infrastructure package — including how to pay for it — will be made with that in mind.

More than one "infrastructure week" already has come and gone over the past two years with nothing to show for it. Still, advocates for an infrastructure package boost see a narrow window for action.

"I think a deal can be had if everybody is willing to put their battle axes away for a period," said former Republican Rep. Bill Shuster of Pennsylvania, who served as chairman of the House's transportation committee for six years.

A compromise could offer political benefits to both sides. Trump's re-election prospects are tied to a strong economy that would get another boost from new road and bridge projects. House Democrats have passed an array of bills that have gone nowhere in the GOP-controlled Senate.

Pelosi has dozens of new Democratic House members who won in competitive districts, said Shuster, and "they need to be able to go home next year and say they've accomplished something."

But the two sides also have some competing priorities that will complicate matters. The president and Republican leaders want to speed up the permitting process for building energy and transportation projects and that's not on most Democratic lawmakers' to-do lists. Democrats are looking for ways to pay for greater infrastructure spending without adding to the national debt, and that could mean higher fuel taxes.

The Trump White House has sent conflicting signals on that issue. On Friday, the president tweeted that California's recent 12-cent increase in the state's gas tax was "causing big problems on pricing for that state. Speak to your Governor about reducing." When asked if Trump could support a higher federal gas tax, economic adviser Larry Kudlow said Monday, "He hasn't made up his mind on any of that yet."

Pelosi and Schumer on Monday sent Trump a letter setting out their priorities, including a call for "substantial, new and real revenue" and investments to make infrastructure more resilient to climate change. Neither of those bolsters confidence in prospects for a deal. Several Democratic lawmakers from committees with jurisdiction on infrastructure issues are also expected to attend the White House meeting, but no Republican lawmakers.

Committees in both chambers of Congress have started to lay the groundwork for an infrastructure bill through hearings, with Democratic lawmakers hoping to have legislation ready for consideration by June or July.

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will give every House lawmaker a chance to share their infrastructure priorities on Wednesday.

Then, the committee's chairman, Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., will lead a delegation to visit a dilapidated, century-old tunnel that connects New Jersey and New York. Experts say a new tunnel is essential to ensuring reliable rail travel throughout the Northeast, but the price tag will be steep.

The infrastructure issue has aligned the nation's top business groups and unions, a rarity in Washington. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has proposed increasing the federal fuel tax 5 cents a year for five years, then allowing it to increase with inflation. The federal tax on gasoline now stands at 18.3 cents per gallon and at 24.3 cents per gallon for diesel fuel. The last time the federal gas tax went up was in 1993.

Ed Mortimer, a vice president at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said the group would have the back of lawmakers who face criticism back home for supporting a higher federal gas tax.

"We're going to support any elected official willing to have a serious discussion and vote to raise revenue for infrastructure," Mortimer said.

Rep. Earl Blumenauer, D-Ore., plans to introduce a bill incorporating the chamber's wishes to gradually raise the fuel tax by 25 cents and then allow the tax to rise with inflation. The bill will also call for eventually replacing the gas tax in favor of a system where drivers pay a user fee based on distance traveled.

"That's the ultimate solution. We can't do that in less than 10 years, but we need to lay the foundation for it," Blumenauer said.

So far this year, Alabama, Arkansas, Ohio and Virginia have enacted gas tax increases, although Virginia's only applies to a portion of the state. Some 30 states have done so since 2013. Blumenauer said many of the states that approved gas tax increases are led by Republicans, and he hopes they'll make their voices heard to Congress.

But it's unclear whether Blumenauer will get support from Republican members of Congress, or even top Democratic leaders.

Schumer advocated Monday for rescinding portions of the tax cut bill Republicans passed in 2017 to pay for infrastructure.

"By reversing only the most egregious giveaways in President Trump's tax bill, those given to the wealthiest of the wealthy, and raising the corporate tax cut a smidge we could finance the entirety of a $1 trillion infrastructure bill," Schumer said.



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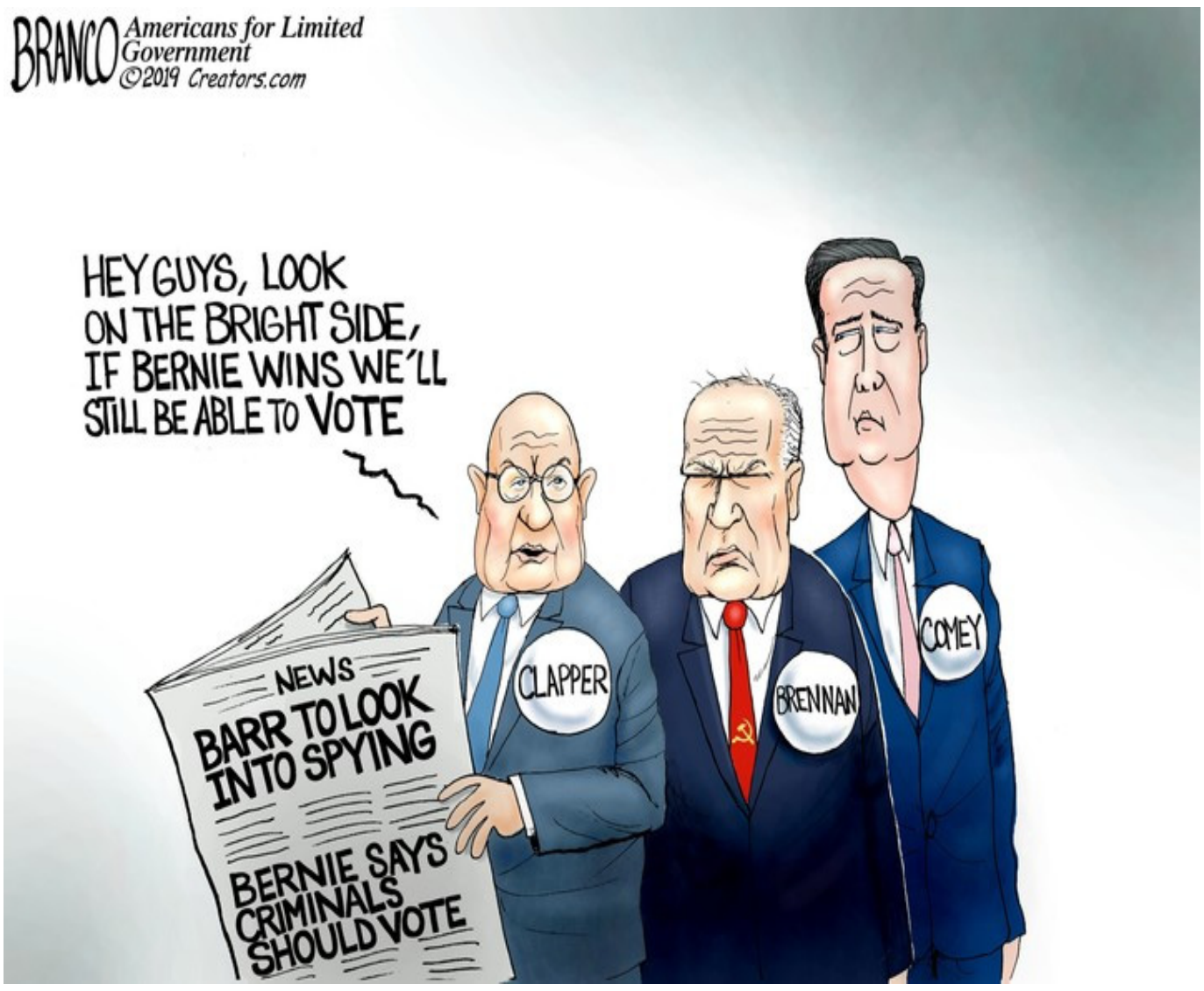

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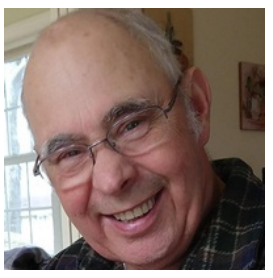
William W. Rose



FEEDING HILLS – William W. Rose, 73, died Friday morning. Bill was born in Springfield and was a lifelong resident of Western Massachusetts. A retired Manufacturing Engineer, he worked for Curtis Universal Joint Company for 28 years. During the Vietnam War he served on the USS Fulton in the United States Navy. A passionate fisherman, he



was president of the Western Massachusetts Fly Fishermen, President of the Westfield River Watershed Association and a member of Trout Unlimited. He recently became a master instructor for the Angler Education Program for the MA division of Fisheries and Wildlife. He also was a leader in the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, Operation Friendship (Feeding Hills) and the Agawam Soccer Association. Bill leaves his wife of 50 years Katharine I. (Bruce) Rose; three children Eric Rose and his wife Renee, Sean Rose, Shelley Rose and her husband Thomas Sliva Jr.. He also leaves his five grandchildren Elliot, Jordan, Peyton, Wyatt and Vienna; a brother James Brookes Jr.; three sisters Pam Lenninger, Mary Rose and Patty Borah. The funeral will be held at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home Wednesday at 11:00am followed by burial in Baptist Village Cemetery. Visiting hours will be held prior to the funeral home service Wednesday from 9:30am – 11:00am. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Westfield River Watershed Association (https://www.westfieldriver.org/).

Reverend Paul A. Porter



St. Louis, MO – Reverend Paul Aaron Porter, PhD, 60, passed suddenly in his sleep on Saturday, April 27, 2019. Paul is survived by his beloved wife Cindie Luhman (nee DeCoster); children Emme Porter DeWitt and Tristan (Laina) Porter; stepchildren Eric Luhman, Beth (Ryan) Gissal, and Trevor Luhman; grandchildren Jacqueline and Landon Porter; siblings Judy (Russ) Roberts, Billy (Susan) Porter, Patti Wood, and David (Kathy) Porter; many cousins, family, and friends. Paul is predeceased by his parents Calvin and June Porter (nee Clark) from Westfield, Mass. "Pastor Paul" was the beloved pastor of Eden United Church of Christ (Affton), served as the president of the Affton Christian Food Pantry, and had been active in fostering, rehabilitating and providing hospice for senior dogs with his wife Cindie through Senior Dogs 4 Seniors.

Services: The family will be available for visitation between 4-7pm on Sat., May 18, 2019. Memorial service is scheduled at 2pm on Sun., May 19, 2019. Both events at Eden United Church of Christ in Affton, 8920 Eden Ave, St. Louis, MO 63123. All are welcome. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Paul Porter Memorial Fund Eden United Church of Christ in Affton, 8920 Eden Ave, St. Louis, MO 63123. Funds will be donated to charities close to Paul's heart: Affton Christian Food Pantry, IPM (International Partners in Mission), and to a memorial project dedicated to Eden UCC.

A celebration of life service for Paul will take place in Westfield in June. Details to follow.

POLICE LOGS

WESTFIELD

Major crime and incident report
Tuesday, April 23, 2019

8:19 a.m.: larceny, Elm Street, a resident came to the station to complain that while he was at a gas station his wallet was stolen from his vehicle;

10:30 a.m.: breaking and entering, King Street, a patrol officer reports he was advised of a break-in, the responding officer reports a basement was entered and clothing was stolen;

3:19 p.m.: disturbance, Hampden Street, a caller reports that she is trying to remove her property from a residence she is vacating but another resident won't let her enter, the responding officer reports the second resident was found to be the subject of an outstanding warrant issued in 2017 by the Lynn district court, **Jenicia Cherika Duggins**, 27, of 29 Hampden St., Westfield, was arrested on the warrant;

5:16 p.m.: accident, Russell Road, a caller reports a crash involving a motorcycle and a sports utility vehicle, the responding office reports the motorcycle was allowed to be parked at a nearby store while the operator was taken to Baystate Medical Center, the other vehicle was privately towed from the scene;

5:18 p.m.: found property, Elm Street, a caller reports finding a blue gym bag in the bushes, the responding officer reports the contents of the bag were innocuous and opined that someone may have stashed the bag for convenience, the bag was stored for safe keeping;

5:29 p.m.: animal complaint, St. Paul Street, a caller reports finding a cat near her driveway which may have been deliberately mutilated, the responding animal control officer reports the cat was transported to Boston Road Animal Hospital where it was treated and discharged to the Westfield Animal Shelter, police report the incident remains under investigation;

7:56 p.m.: disturbance, Taylor Avenue, a caller reports a college related disturbance, the two responding officers report peace was restored;

9:49 p.m.: robbery, Union Street, an alarm company reports a panic alarm at a convenience store, the responding officer reports an employee said that the store was robbed by a masked man with a knife, an officer reports a male party who fit the clerk's description was found riding a bicycle away from the area, a pat frisk revealed a bundle of cash, the man's account of his recent activities was inconsistent with the evidence and he eventually admitted his culpability, **Henry John Dekastrozza,** 39, of 140 Union St., Apt. 49, Westfield, was arrested for armed and masked robbery, ***see story in the Thursday, April 25 edition of The Westfield News.***

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Westfield District Court
Tuesday, April 23, 2019
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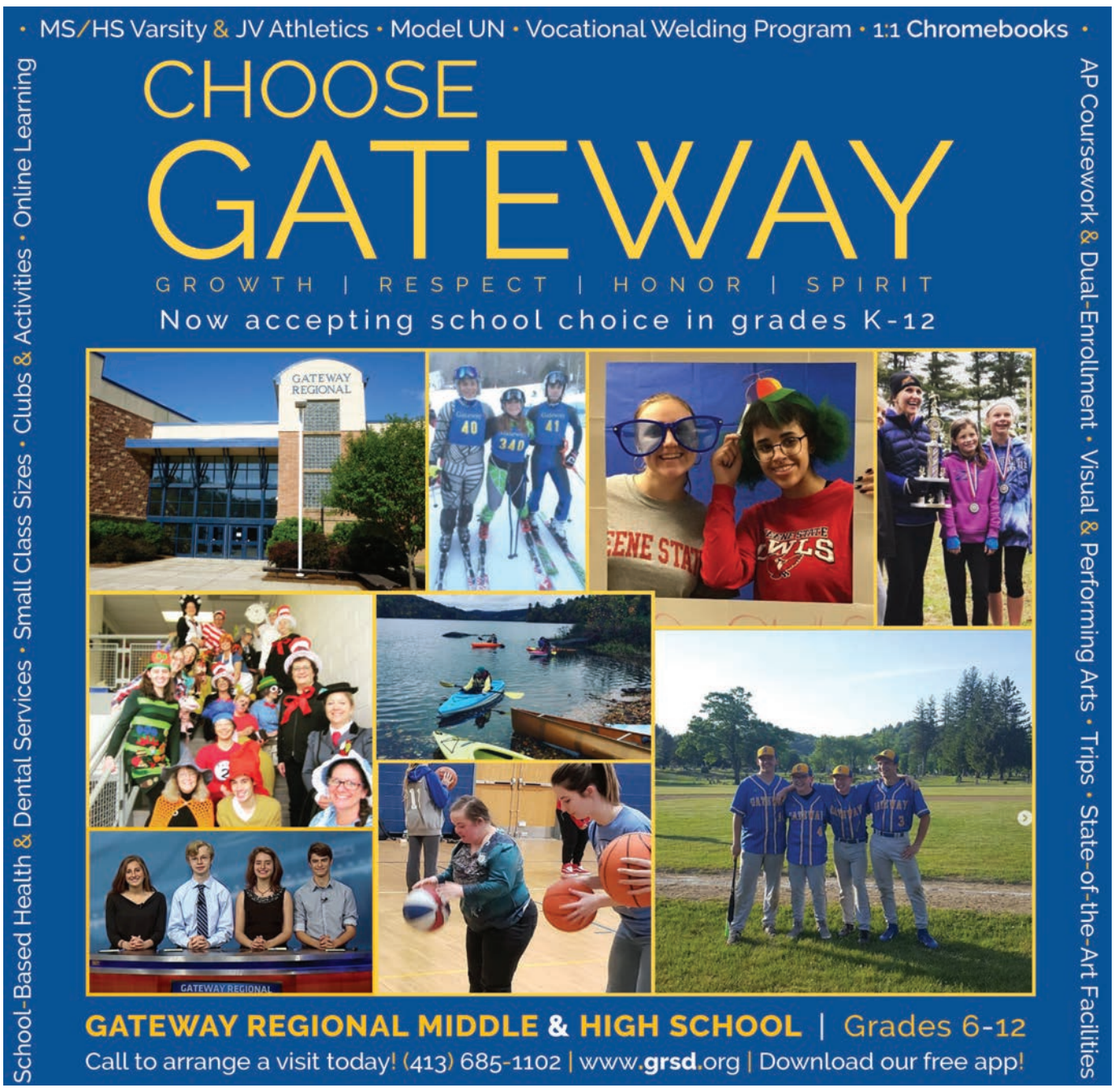

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State's environmental, energy chief takes private sector job

BOSTON (AP) — Massachusetts Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Matt Beaton is stepping down after more than five years in the post.

Republican Gov. Charlie Baker announced Monday that Beaton will be replaced this week by Kathleen Theoharides, who currently serves as undersecretary for climate change.

Baker credited Beaton for spearheading several initiatives during his tenure, including Massachusetts' largest procurements of offshore wind and hydropower, and for environmental conservation and preservation efforts.

The former Republican state representative from Shrewsbury has accepted a position as senior vice president for renewable energy and emerging technology as Lowell-based TRC Companies.

Baker lauded Theoharides for working with cities and towns to develop plans for adapting to challenges posed by climate change. She's a native of Hamden, Massachusetts who now lives in Arlington.



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HEALTHFITNESS

Study: Kids' suicides spiked after Netflix's '13 Reasons'

By LINDSEY TANNER

Suicides among U.S. kids aged 10 to 17 jumped to a 19-year high in the month following the release of a popular TV series that depicted a girl ending her life, researchers said.

The study published Monday can't prove that the Netflix show "13 Reasons Why" was the cause, but there were 195 more youth suicides than would have been expected in the nine months following the show's March 2017 release, given historical and seasonal suicide trends, the study estimated.

During April 2017 alone, 190 U.S. tweens and teens took their own lives. Their April 2017 suicide rate was .57 per 100,000 people, nearly 30 percent higher than in the preceding five years included in the study. An additional analysis found that the April rate was higher than in the previous 19 years, said lead author Jeff Bridge, a suicide researcher at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

"The creators of the series intentionally portrayed the suicide of the main character. It was a very graphic depiction of the suicide death," which can trigger suicidal behavior, Bridge said.

Bridge acknowledged the study's limitations included not knowing whether anyone who died by suicide had watched the show. Also, the researchers were not able to account for other factors that might have influenced suicides. Those include the April 19, 2017, suicide of former New England Patriots player Aaron Hernandez and a man accused of a Facebook-publicized killing who died by suicide the day before Hernandez. Bridge said those deaths couldn't account for the spike the study found for the entire month of April.

The researchers analyzed data from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on deaths in Americans aged 10 to 64 from January 2013 through December 2017. Their results were published in the Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. The researchers found no change in suicide rates in those 18 and older after the show was released.

The results are plausible and add to evidence that compelling media depictions of suicide can negatively influence young people, said sociologist Anna Mueller of the University of Chicago, who was not involved in the research.

Lisa Horowitz, a co-author and researcher at the National Institute of Mental Health, noted that suicide is the second leading cause of death for U.S. teens and called it "a major public health crisis." Her agency helped pay for the study.

Teen suicide rates have increased in recent years and other research has suggested that bullying and heavy use of social media may contribute to the risk.

Netflix included warning messages with some of the episodes and created a website with crisis hotlines and other resources. In the second season, the show's actors offered advice to viewers on where to seek help. The series' third season will run later this year.

A Netflix spokesman noted that the new study conflicts with University of Pennsylvania research published last week that found fewer suicidal thoughts among young adults who watched the entire second season than among non-viewers.

"We've just seen the study and are looking into the research," he said. "This is a critically important topic and we have worked hard to ensure that we handle this sensitive issue responsibly."

Horowitz said the new results highlight how important it is for parents and other adults to connect with young people.

"Start a conversation, ask how are they coping with the ups and downs of life, and don't be afraid to ask about suicide," she said. It's a myth that just asking might be a trigger, Horowitz said.

"One of the best ways to prevent is to ask," she said.

Follow AP Medical Writer Lindsey Tanner at @LindseyTanner.

Russell Council on Aging Fitness Room

The Russell Council on Aging has a fitness room at their Senior Center at 65 Main St., equipped with a recumbent exercise bicycle, treadmill, and other exercise tools. The fitness room is available to seniors in Russell and the surrounding communities. Interested seniors are asked to call 862-6205 to schedule an initial visit.

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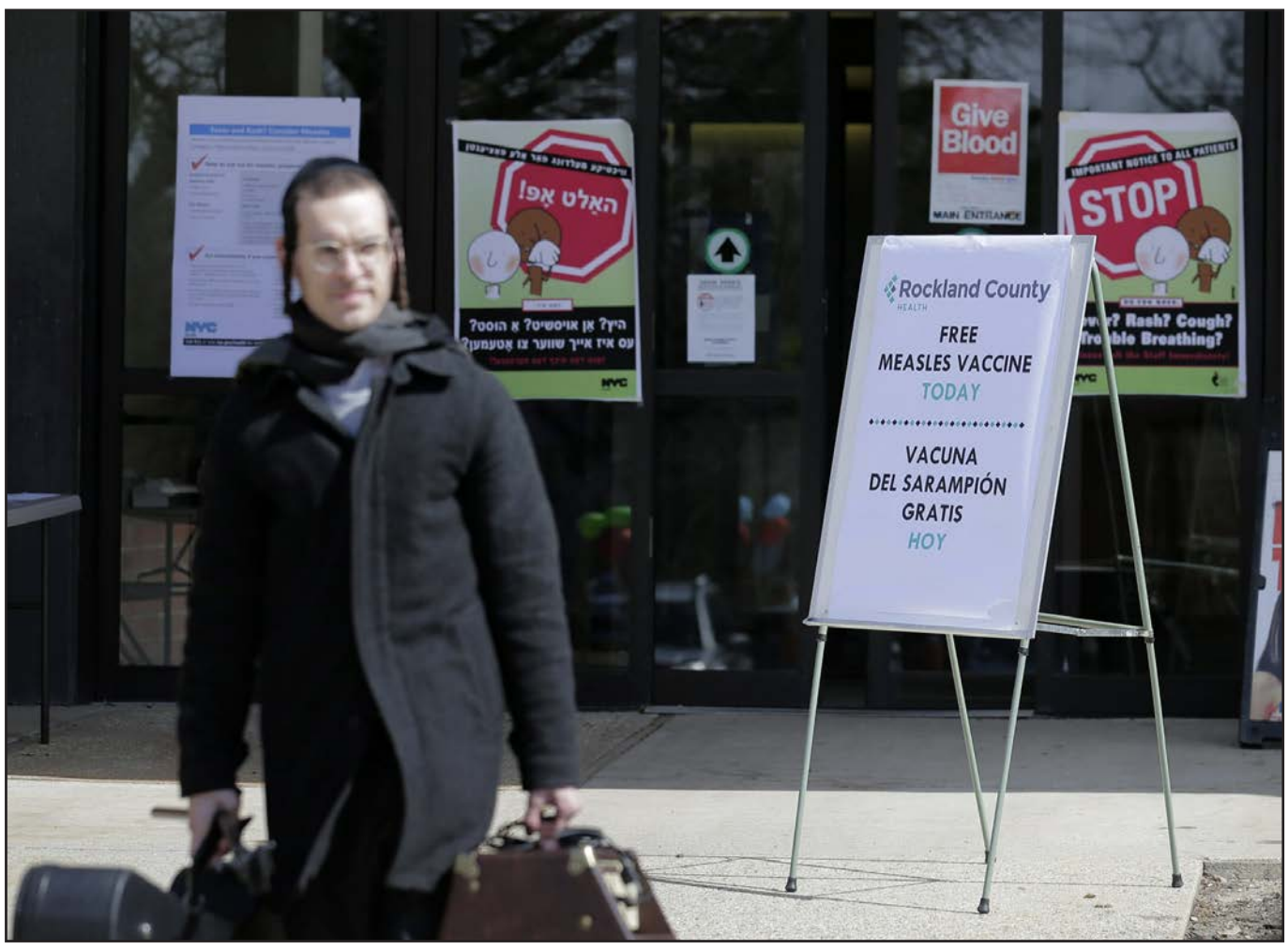


In this March 27, 2019 file photo, signs about measles and the measles vaccine are displayed at the Rockland County Health Department in Pomona, N.Y. Measles continues to spread in the United States, with more 704 cases reported so far this year spread among 22 states. U.S. health officials on Monday, April 29 updated the national tally, which already has eclipsed the total for any full year since 1994, when 963 cases were reported. **(AP Photo/Seth Wenig, File)**

Surge in US measles cases leads to extraordinary measures

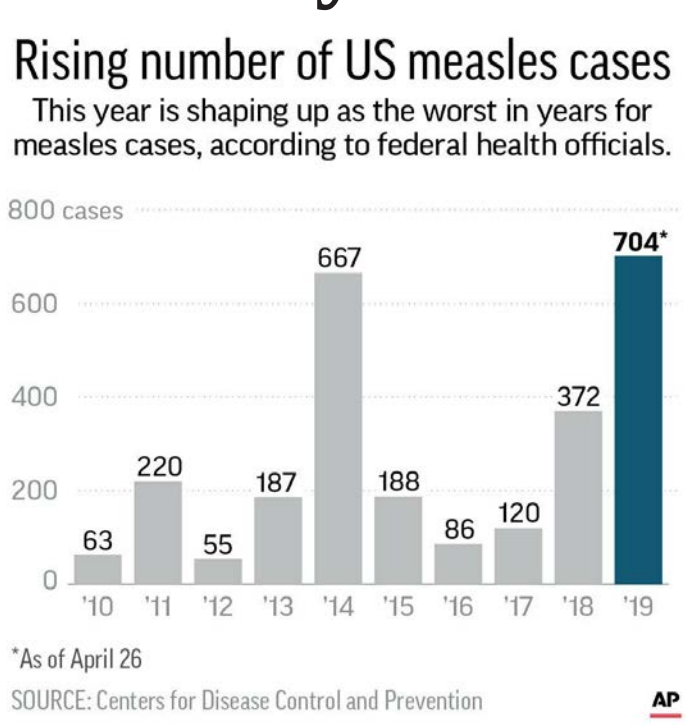
By MIKE STOBBE
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Quarantines in California. Fines in New York City. Orders for some people to avoid public places in Rockland County, New York.

As an outbreak of measles surges across the United States — with 704 cases this year and counting — some local health officials are trying to deal with contagion in unvaccinated communities by turning to extraordinary police powers from the past.

"Unfortunately, we are revisiting diseases from another generation," said Jason Schwartz, an assistant professor of health policy at the Yale School of Public Health.

"And now we are revisiting public health responses from another generation" in instances where vaccination programs have fallen short, he said.



Not long ago, measles was thought to be a problem that was mostly solved. The once-common disease became increasingly rare after a vaccine became available in the 1960s. In 2000, health officials declared the disease eliminated in the U.S., meaning that all new cases stemmed from infected travelers and not from homegrown transmission.

A decade ago, the cases numbered fewer than 100 a year. But they have been jumping since then, with the worst happening right now.

On Monday, U.S. health officials said the national tally already has eclipsed the total for any full year since 1994, when 963 cases were reported.

Twenty-two states have reported cases, but the vast majority have been in New York — mainly in New York City and in nearby Rockland County. Most of the New York cases have been unvaccinated people in Orthodox Jewish communities.

Three-quarters of those who caught the extremely contagious disease are children or teenagers.

No deaths have been reported this year, but 66 patients were hospitalized.

U.S. measles cases since 2010.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says this year's count includes 44 people who caught the disease while traveling in another country. Some of them triggered U.S. outbreaks, mostly among unvaccinated people. That includes the largest outbreaks in New York.

Measles in most people causes fever, a runny nose, cough and a rash all over the body. A very small fraction of those infected can suffer complications such as pneumonia and a dangerous swelling of the brain. According to the CDC, for every 1,000 children who get measles, one or two will die from it.

The return of measles may be an early warning sign of a resurgences of other vaccine-preventable diseases such as rubella, chickenpox and bacterial meningitis, some experts say.

In recent decades, health officials have relied on doctors to prod families to vaccinate their children against measles and other diseases. That push has been bolstered by requirements in every state that children be vaccinated to attend public schools.

But as vaccination rates have fallen in some communities and cases exploded, officials recently have taken more dramatic steps. In Rockland County, officials last month banned all unvaccinated children from indoor public places.

In New York City this month, officials ordered mandatory vaccinations in four Brooklyn ZIP codes, threatening possible fines of up to $1,000 for noncompliance. City officials said 57 unvaccinated people have received summonses. The city also has shut down seven religious schools that failed to exclude unvaccinated children, though five were later allowed to reopen after submitting a corrective plan.

Last week in California, more than 1,000 students and staff at two Los Angeles universities were quarantined on campus or sent home after cases began to appear. It was a limited order, and half already are out of quarantine, officials said Monday.

Dr. Umair Shah, the head of Houston's county health department, said "we don't know" if these kinds of measures will become more common.

Health officials have had such measures available and have been prepared to use them in case of unusual and even exotic outbreaks — like a new flu pandemic or Ebola — "but here we are implementing them for measles," he said.

It's been more than 25 years since those kinds of measures were taken against measles, Schwartz said. The last similar instance occurred during a bad outbreak in Philadelphia in the early 1990s, when the city recorded more than 900 cases, most of them members of two fundamentalist church groups that did not accept vaccination or other kinds of modern medical care.

The use of quarantines and other orders are driven in part by a growing concern that outbreaks of measles and other diseases could get worse, despite the availability of effective vaccines, some health experts said.

"I think there's a sense of anxiety and even a little panic in the public health community" as officials see high levels of mistrust of government and science from a surprising number of people, said Lawrence Gostin, a Georgetown University public health law expert.

That anxiety has led to what Gostin believes are missteps by officials.

It's one thing to isolate someone with measles or to quarantine someone who has been exposed, he said. Those people are infection risks, and short-term limitations of where they can go and who they can meet are legally and medically appropriate, Gostin said.

But it's another thing to take the kind of step Rockland County initially did, in which unvaccinated kids were placed under house arrest — not because they were infection risks, but because their parents weren't listening to public health officials, he said.

"That's overly punitive," he said.

Indeed, a judge struck down the initial emergency order.

One community had success without taking such measures. Officials in Vancouver, Washington, declared an end Monday to a measles outbreak that began in January but apparently stopped at 71 cases a month ago. It was a much smaller community than New York City or Los Angeles and was tamed by an intense investigation and vaccination campaign that involved 230 health workers tracking down infected people and those they had contact with, at a cost of about $865,000.

Meanwhile, there is a new wave of efforts in state legislatures to end philosophical and religious exemptions to vaccination requirements in schools.

Ed Day, a Republican who is the top elected official in Rockland County, on Monday joined Democratic state lawmakers to urge quick passage of a measure to eliminate religious exemptions for required vaccinations.

"This bill would be a godsend," Day said at a news conference in Albany. "To wait is a recipe for medical disaster."

Associated Press writers John Rogers in Los Angeles, Gillian Flaccus in Portland, Oregon, and Chris Carola in Albany, New York, contributed.

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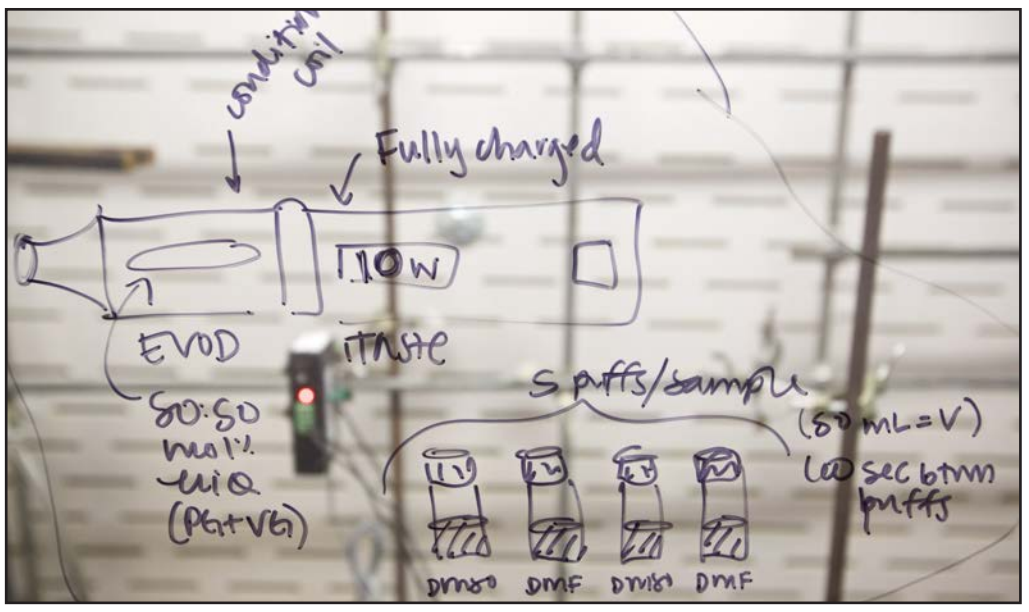

Notes from a lab at Portland State University are shown in Portland, Ore., Tuesday, April 16, 2019. Researchers at the university analyzed the concentration of Juul's full-strength pod against nine other nicotine formulas on the market in 2017. Juul's nicotine level dwarfed its competitors, in some cases by twentyfold. **(AP Photo/Craig Mitchelldyer)**

Juul nicotine hit may be 'Worst for kids, best for smokers'

By MATTHEW PERRONE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — She tried gums, patches and various electronic cigarettes to quit smoking. What finally worked for Chantel Williams was a small, reusable e-cigarette called Juul that packs a big nicotine punch.

"I look better. I feel better and I don't smell. It's fantastic," said Williams of Portland, Oregon, who smoked for decades.

That nicotine hit and its easy-to-inhale vapor is one reason why Juul is so popular — and so feared.

"That's the trouble with Juul: It's probably the worst for kids but it might be the best for adult smokers," said Dr. Nancy Rigotti, a tobacco treatment specialist at Harvard Medical School.

The brainchild of two Stanford University design students, Juul launched in 2015 and quickly leapfrogged over its competitors to become the top-selling e-cigarette in the U.S. Today, the privately held company controls nearly three-quarters of the $3.7 billion-dollar retail market for e-cigarettes, spawning dozens of copycat brands along the way.

With Juul's rise came an explosion of underage vaping, alarming public health officials and lawmakers. Last year, 1 in 5 U.S. high school students reported vaping in the previous month, according to a government survey.

Juul and other pod-based vaping devices can be used discreetly, without the smoke, odor or throat irritation that deterred some teenagers from smoking. E-cigarettes typically heat a solution containing nicotine into a vapor, and health experts say the addictive chemical is harmful to developing brains. Recent research published shows some teenagers aren't even aware they are inhaling nicotine when using Juul and similar e-cigarettes.

Proposals to keep e-cigarettes away from teenagers include banning flavored solutions, restricting where they can be sold and raising the purchase age to 21, which some states have done.

Less attention has been paid to Juul's quick, powerful buzz.

Abbey Solomon first began seeing Juul around the house when her son Jack was in 8th grade.

Like many parents, she didn't initially recognize the small, rechargeable device, which resembles a flash drive, as an e-cigarette. But as parents and teachers began sounding the alarm, she started confiscating Juul and its color-coded flavor pods from her son and his friends.

Last year, Jack, 16, became an unlikely spokesman for the anti-vaping movement, appearing in a viral video , "Juulers against Juul" to push for tougher restrictions to protect kids.

In the video, he says teenagers will often leave school to get their Juul fix. "It shouldn't happen," he said. "But kids are very addicted to these e-cigarettes and need this stuff to be satisfied."

Jack himself hasn't been able to quit, his mother says. When she tried to make him stop, "he was moody, he was complaining, he wasn't sleeping," says Solomon, of Scarsdale, New York. "He was miserable because he was going through nicotine withdrawal. He was addicted."

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has the power to cap nicotine levels in e-cigarettes, but hasn't proposed any such standard. For cigarettes, there's no limit on nicotine, although the FDA has taken preliminary steps toward reducing levels to help smokers quit. Limiting nicotine in e-cigarettes could have unintended consequences, including making the products less satisfying for smokers trying to switch.

Juul declined interviews for this story, but said in a statement that its product is formulated to "mimic the experience of a cigarette." Its goal is to offer smokers an alternative to tobacco-burning cigarettes, the company said. Under pressure from regulators, Juul voluntarily shut down its Facebook and Instagram accounts and pulled several flavors out of stores last November.

Company critics say Juul's nicotine level may be excessive and should be getting far more scrutiny.

"I think there's a real question of how addictive these products need to be," said Robin Koval, CEO of the Truth Initiative, a nonprofit anti-smoking education group.

Juul sells two formulas for most of its flavor pods. One contains 59 milligrams of nicotine per milliliter of liquid, or roughly three times what can be sold to consumers in Europe, where Juul sells a 20-milligram version of its pods. Juul's lower-nicotine U.S. version contains 35 milligrams of nicotine per milliliter, which still exceeds the European limit.

Britain and other nations have had success promoting e-cigarettes as a lower-risk alternative to smokers, without seeing a surge in underage vaping. But they also have tighter regulations, including strict limits on advertising.

Juul, like all e-cigarettes in the U.S., has not been approved to help smokers quit. The FDA isn't expected to begin reviewing the contents and health effects of e-cigarettes for at least two more years.

While calling underage vaping a "mounting epidemic of youth addiction," recently departed FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb stressed the importance of keeping e-cigarettes available for adult smokers trying to quit. The FDA and most experts agree that e-cigarettes are probably less harmful than traditional cigarettes because they don't produce all of the cancer-causing byproducts of burning tobacco.

Meanwhile, the vaping industry appears to be following Juul's lead.

Stanford researchers have identified 39 U.S. devices mimicking Juul's pod-based design and 71 brands selling similar high-nicotine solutions.

Juul has published little peer-reviewed research, and only in the last year have independent researchers begun studying its formula. The company says each of its full-strength pods delivers about as much nicotine as a pack of cigarettes. But experts note that usage varies widely; some people may vape one pod a day, others one pod a week.

Most researchers have focused on a more objective measure: the potency of Juul's nicotine formula, or e-liquid.

Researchers at Portland State University analyzed the concentration of Juul's full-strength pod against nine other nicotine formulas on the market in 2017. Juul's nicotine level dwarfed its competitors, in some cases by twentyfold.

Regular cigarettes and older e-cigarettes mainly contain nicotine in its freebase form, which becomes increasingly harsh on the throat at higher levels. Juul's innovation was to convert the nicotine to its salt form by combining it with an acid. The result is a mild vapor that allows even a novice to inhale large doses of nicotine.

David Peyton, a chemistry professor at Portland State who co-authored the paper, says Juul's popularity is due to a combination of its formulation, flavors and marketing efforts.

"It's very powerful and very attractive," Peyton said.

Adult smokers want something that "will deliver this hit and relieve their nicotine craving as fast as possible," said Dr. Maciej Goniewicz, a toxicologist at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center in Buffalo, New York.

That's what attracted Chantel Williams to Juul. The 46-year-old social media manager said she began smoking in grade school. She tried to quit beginning in 2005, using nicotine gum, patches and eventually e-cigarettes. Refillable vaping devices were "too much work," she said. And other brands didn't have the immediacy of a cigarette like Juul.

"You just grab it and you're taken care of it," she said.

Lead from Notre Dame fire dictates area health precautions

PARIS (AP) — Paris police say areas near Notre Dame Cathedral with elevated lead levels after the fire that ravaged the famous monument will remain closed to the public until they are deemed safe.

The fire sent large amounts of lead into the air because hundreds of tons of the metal were used in Notre Dame's frame, as well as the church spire that burned and collapsed.

Paris police have advised residents and shopkeepers around Notre Dame to remove any surface dust they see with wet wipes.

The city's police force said in a statement Saturday that no cases of lead poisoning have been reported since the April 15 fire but most health risks come from long-term exposure.

The statement said precautions will be taken to protect workers when Notre Dame is rebuilt.



In this image made available on Tuesday April 16, 2019 flames and smoke rise from the blaze after the spire toppled over on Notre Dame cathedral in Paris, Monday, April 15, 2019. An inferno that raged through Notre Dame Cathedral for more than 12 hours destroyed its spire and its roof but spared its twin medieval bell towers, and a frantic rescue effort saved the monument's "most precious treasures," including the Crown of Thorns purportedly worn by Jesus, officials said Tuesday. **(AP Photo/Thierry Mallet)**

Food poisoning remains persistent problem, US report finds

By CANDICE CHOI
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — As recent illnesses tied to raw turkey , ground beef , cut melon and romaine lettuce suggest, U.S. food poisoning cases don't appear to be going away anytime soon.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in a report Thursday that the frequency of several types of food poisoning infections climbed last year, but that the increases could be the result of new diagnostic tools that help identify more cases.

Overall, the agency believes food poisoning rates have remained largely unchanged.

Dr. Robert Tauxe, director of the agency's foodborne illness division, said the figures show more needs to be done to make food safer. He noted the two most common causes of infection have been longtime problems.

One of the two, salmonella, can come from an array of foods including vegetables, chicken, eggs, beef and pork. The other germ, campylobacter , is commonly tied to chicken. People may not hear as much about it because health officials often can't group cases into outbreaks. Both bacteria are spread through animal feces.

"For some reason, campylobacter is making people sick with lots of different fingerprints," Tauxe said.

The report is based on monitoring in 10 states, but is seen as an indicator of national trends. It highlights the difficulty in understanding food poisoning when so many cases go unreported, diagnostic methods are inconsistent, and production practices and eating habits are constantly changing.

With chicken, for instance, companies have brought down salmonella rates in raw whole carcasses since the government began publishing test results of individual plants. But the U.S. Department of Agriculture only recently began posting similar data for raw chicken parts like breasts and legs, which Americans have gravitated toward over the years.

Last year, the agency said 22 percent of production plants did not meet its standard for limiting salmonella in chicken parts. The USDA said in a statement that it's working to improve its approach to fighting bacteria, including with the publication of such data.

Despite such efforts, salmonella and campylobacter are allowed in raw poultry sold in supermarkets, noted Tony Corbo of Food and Water Watch, an advocacy group that supports stricter food safety regulations. It's why health experts advise people to properly handle and cook poultry.

"There is very little the USDA can do besides posting the report card on salmonella," he said.

The National Chicken Council says the industry has been working to bring down contamination rates, including through germ-killing solutions sprayed on raw chicken during processing, improved sanitation and increased use of vaccines. But the group says the bacteria are endemic in chickens and that eliminating them is difficult.

The CDC report also notes produce is a major source of food poisoning, citing recent E. coli outbreaks tied to romaine lettuce. It said outbreaks tied to produce also contributed to a big jump in infections from a parasite called cyclospora .

The Food and Drug Administration, which oversees fruits and vegetables, said in a statement that a recently developed test is helping it detect the parasite in produce. The agency is also implementing new regulations for produce, though food safety experts note the inherent risk with fruits and vegetables that are grown in open fields and eaten raw.

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Outdoor Dining

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patio from the city for $100 per month. As a part of the agreement, the patio would not be open to patrons of The Hangar past 10 p.m. on any nights. For the commissioners to vote for it, they needed assurance that the area would be clearly marked off and that alcohol would not be able to be brought outside the area into public space. Tramazzo said that the patio would be roped off and four to five employees would be present and keeping watch in addition to serving guests. He plans to have a capacity of 40 guests within the outdoor patio.

Also present at the meeting was a group of residents who live around the Gaslight District near The Hangar. For the most part, they voiced their concerns and opposition to allowing Tramazzo to open the outdoor dining patio. Among their concerns was the possibility of alcohol being brought outside the area. The main concern, however, was with the possible addition of extra noise at late hours.

Tom Denardo, of 281 Buck Pond Road in Westfield, said that Church Street almost acts like a tunnel in the way that it carries sound.

"You can hear somebody at the barbershop talking like I'm talking right now, through Church Street," said Denardo. He later added that he is, "All about revitalizing downtown Westfield. But there are certain areas that are more residential than they are commercial."

Denardo also asked at length about the terms and length of the lease. The commission informed him that the lease is on a one year term but that it can be renewed once from April 2020 to October 2020. The agreement also states that the patio will only be open to patrons from April 1st to October 31st.

Resident Karen Callini of 45 Church Street said that one of her main issues with the license is that it would attract more college students to an area that already has college housing close by. She said that she finds herself cleaning up after the college students as it is, and would expect it to get worse if an outdoor patio where alcohol is served would be allowed.

"It's enough that I have to pick up beer bottles, nips, and trash daily," said Callini.

Tramazzo maintained that any music that would be played would be just background music. He added that it would not be any sort of explicit, hardcore genres of music and it would be played from just two speakers. The speakers would be hung up high and pointed at the ground, according to Tramazzo.

Lori Miller, who owns property at 22 Church Street, said that she does not believe the 10 p.m. cutoff for the patio is early enough, especially in a neighborhood that is largely residential.

The two-person commission voted to allow Tramazzo to open the patio to allow alcohol to be served with food. They chose to hold off on the vote on allowing music to be played until Commissioner Diaz could give his input and they could get more information. Tramazzo did note that the music would be under a certain decibel level, but he was unaware of the exact number at the time of the meeting.

Fireworks

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together an impressive birthday celebration," he continued. "We just thought it would be unfair to ask them again, especially when there are so many other worthy causes seeking support this year."

On New Year's Eve, in conjunction with Westfield 350's First Night Celebration, there was a fireworks show, and a second fireworks display will be held on Saturday, May 18th at 9:00 pm, at the Westfield Middle School field off West Silver Street. The 350th Birthday Celebration is being supported by lead sponsor Westfield Bank, and the 350th Birthday Fireworks Display is sponsored by Advance Manufacturing & the Amanti Family, are sponsoring the 350th Fireworks Display.

For additional information on the many activities planned for Westfield's 350th Birthday Weekend celebration, visit their website at www.westfield350.org.

Burning Season

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Southwick Fire Department wrote 350 permits for open burning this season.

Besides open burning only allowed to take place from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., Mass DEP requires that open burning has to occur at least 75 feet from all buildings. Mass DEP also has regulations on what people can burn and can't burn.

While Southwick allows open burning with the requisite permits and authorizations, there are 22 communities throughout the commonwealth that prohibit open burning, including nearby towns and cities like Chicopee, Holyoke, Springfield, and West Springfield.



RUSS ANDERSON
Southwick Fire Chief



A soldier stands on an avenue leading to La Carlota air base in Caracas, Venezuela, Tuesday, April 30, 2019. Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaido has called for a military uprising, in a video shot at the air base showing him surrounded by soldiers and accompanied by detained activist Leopoldo Lopez. **(AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)**

Venezuela's Guaido takes to streets in military uprising

By SCOTT SMITH and CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaidó took to the streets with activist Leopoldo Lopez and a small contingent of heavily armed troops early Tuesday in a bold and risky call for the military to rise up and oust socialist leader Nicolas Maduro.

"I want to tell the Venezuelan people: This is the moment to take to the streets and accompany these patriotic soldiers," said Lopez, who had been detained since 2014 for leading anti-government protests. "Everyone should come to the streets, in peace."

Lopez said he has been freed from house arrest by members of the security forces responding to an order by Guaidó, whom the U.S. and dozens of other governments recognize as Venezuela's rightful leader.

As he spoke on a highway overpass, troops loyal to Maduro sporadically fired tear gas from inside the adjacent Carlota air base as the crowd of a few hundred civilians, some of them brandishing Venezuelan flags, scurried for cover.

The crowd swelled to a few thousand as people sensed what could be their strongest opportunity yet to overthrow the government after months of turmoil that has seen Maduro withstand an onslaught of protests and international pressure with the support of his top military command and allies such as Russia and Cuba.

"It's now or never," said one of the young rebellious soldiers, his face covered in the blue bandanna preferred by the few dozen soldiers who stood alongside Guaidó and Lopez.

The dramatic events playing out in the opposition's stronghold in wealthier eastern Caracas appeared not to have triggered a broader military revolt.

Defense Minister Vladimir Padrino on Twitter rejected what he called an attempt by a "subversive movement" to generate "panic and terror." Meanwhile, socialist party chief Diosdado Cabello said most of Caracas was calm and called on government supporters to amass at the presidential palace to defend Maduro from what he said was a U.S.-backed coup attempt.

"We're going to Miraflores palace to defend the revolution, to defend Nicolas and to defend the legacy of Hugo Chavez," said Cabello in a phone call to state TV.

Later, a group of security forces on motorcycles dropped tear gas to clear the bridge, prompting an exchange of what appeared to be gunfire. There were no immediate reports of injuries.

The tumultuous events started when Guaidó — who has been recognized by the U.S. and dozens of other nations as the legitimate interim president — appeared in an early morning video shot next to the air base a day before what he was promoting as a definitive putsch to oust Maduro. He was surrounded by heavily armed national guardsmen backed by a few armored vehicles.

Far from the tense events, a few dozen people gathered in the streets downtown in support of Guaidó amid conflicting reports that the city's subway had been shut down by transit workers looking to further debilitate the government. Others said service had been interrupted by an accident.

Guaidó said troops who had taken to the streets were protecting Venezuela's constitution. He said that in the coming hours he would release a list of top commanders supporting the uprising.

"The armed forces have taken the right decision," said Guaidó. "With the support of the Venezuelan people and the backing of our constitution they are on the right side of history."

As events unfolded, governments from around the world expressed a mix of support for Guaidó while reiterating calls to avoid violent confrontration.

U.S. National Security Adviser John Bolton, in a message directed at Padrino on Twitter, said the armed forces "must protect the Constitution and the Venezuelan people."

Meanwhile, Spain's caretaker government urged restraint.

"We hope with all of our strength that there is no bloodshed. We support a peaceful democratic process in Venezuela. We support the immediate holding of an election for a new president," Spanish government spokeswoman Isabel Celaá said.

Public Hearing

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According to Planning Board Chairman Rich Pierce, he thought having the Planning Board as the granting authority would be the best decision since they're the board that receives the most information for the solar projects. Zoning Board of Appeals member Mark Boardman, who was in attendance for the public hearing, agreed that having the Planning Board as the granting authority would make sense.

Boardman feels that the constant back and forth process of going from the Zoning Board of Appeals to the Planning Board is unneccesary.

"That just didn't make any sense," said Boardman. "This is doing it how it should be."

Select Board Chairman Ted Sussman was also in favor of the proposed amendment.

"It just simplifies things," said Sussman. "I think it's how the original intent was."

The second amendment discussed is to see if the town will allow the maximum number of acres for a solar installation to be 25 acres. Currently, the maximum number of acres is five. If the applicant for a solar project is proposing a site of more than five acres, they have to seek a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals, and that would remain the same if this warrant article passes.

Discussing the amendment, Community Preservation Committee member Brian Falcetti pointed out that all abutters have been notified by the Zoning Board of Appeals about proposed solar projects and was concerned if they'd still be notified if the amendment passed at annual town meeting.

"They'll still have notice," said Pierce. "They'll still have the opportunity to attend the hearings."

If the maximum number of acres for solar projects in Granville increased to 25 acres, Boardman would be concerned that the setback from a person's residence to the solar site might be too small and become a concern for some residents.

At this time, the solar site must be at least 40 feet from an abutter's front yard, 30 feet from the side yard, and 30 feet from the rear yard. Access roads and driveway also need be at least 20 feet back from the side and rear lots.



The Planning Board is seen going over the proposed amendments that will be voted on at the annual town meeting. **(Photo by Greg Fitzpatrick)**

Boardman would like to see some language added in the amendment that could increase the setbacks in order to keep solar sites from being too close to a residence.

"I would hate to move into town, build my dream home, and then something comes out of left field that you never even considered," said Boardman.

Pierce went on to say that it's too late now to be able to add language into the amendment that will be on the annual town meeting warrant. Although, Pierce added that a public hearing could be held after the annual town meeting in order to begin the process of adding some language in the amendment, if it passes at the meeting.

Before ending the meeting, Pierce received no objections from anyone in attendance about the two proposed amendments going to the annual town meeting. Both amendments would require a two-thirds majority vote.

Cleanup Day

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they will be resetting and pluming the stones of American Civil War veterans abutting the Civil War monument. Theroux added in a statement that volunteers would be welcomed. Any participants should meet at the Grand Army of the Republic Civil War statue in the cemetery.

"The objective of the May 5th cleaning day will be to clean as many WW I veterans headstones and footstones as we can," said Theroux's statement, "In addition to the WWI headstones, footstones, the volunteers will clean Civil War headstones, cenotaphs, Gold Star Mothers monuments and other historic memorials."

The cleaning of the stones is done with a product called D2. The substance is used to removed biologically and air pollutant stains from the materials commonly used for grave markers like stone and marble. It does not damage the stones in any way, but it does not begin working immediately. Dale Dickson, Pine Hill Cemetery's Superintendent, said that D2 will slowly remove the stains after it is applied and scrubbed with once.

"The stone will begin to slowly resemble what it looked like when it was brand new," said Dickson in October, when she was seeking more volunteers to clean the cemetery's out of shape head stones.

Theroux said that the cleanings of the head stones is done year-round by volunteers such as himself or other members of Post 124. In addition to cleaning, however, Theroux also undertakes an effort to document the headstones and the information that can be gathered from them. Theroux, whose family military ties date back to the American Revolution, uses a website called findagrave.com to update the headstone information in Pine Hill and other local cemeteries.

"Pine Hill has so much history," said Theroux before Veterans Day last year, "Every time I go in there, I find someone new and interesting and I research them."

The Civil War monument in the area Theroux plans to clean and reset the stones in was gifted by Civil War veteran Edwin R. Lay in May of 1900. Lay and his three brothers are all interred or acknowledged in some way at the cemetery.

"There is a very large number of Civil War veterans interred at Pine Hill Cemetery," said Theroux in a statement, "and many of the Westfield Post 124 early Post Commanders are interred in Pine Hill Cemetery. "

SPORTS



Gateway baseball pitcher Ryan Orr follows through on a pitch Monday afternoon against Pioneer Valley Christian Academy in Huntington. **(Photo by Chris Putz)**



Gateway lead-off hitter Anthony Piquette (2) crosses the plate for the first run of the game Monday. **(Photo by Chris Putz)**



Gateway's No. 4 batter Brett Bonenfant (10) awaits the pitch. **(Photo by Chris Putz)**

Gators win thriller

By CHRIS PUTZ
Staff Writer

HUNTINGTON – While record rainfall days have dampened many a spirit this spring season, the Gateway Regional High School baseball team found a way to brighten the mood in Huntington.

Gateway pitcher Ryan Orr silenced the opposing bats and the Gators took advantage of some timely hitting to slip past Pioneer Valley Christian Academy 2-1 Monday.

Orr scattered five hits, struck out eight batters, walked two, hit one by pitch, and allowed just one run in seven complete innings. The lone PVCA run came in the top of the seventh with Gateway already leading 2-0.

Gateway led from the outset when Anthony Piquette manufactured the game's first run, reaching on an error, stealing second and third base, and scoring on a ground out from Joel Sakaske.

Sakaske also scored a run in the fourth inning on a Wyatt Heeter base hit.

Brett Bonenfant had a double for Gateway. Gators' Matt Puza had a hit.

Rams walk away with victory

Southwick 6, Palmer 1

Southwick walked away with a convincing victory, thanks to some patience at the plate and a strong outing from Rams pitcher Bart Shea.

"They walked five (of our hitters in the first inning) and spotted us what we needed," said Southwick coach Bill Dupre, whose first nine batters reached base on consecutive at-bats to begin the game. "That will put you in a good spot to get ahead."

Southwick needed just four hits to do damage. Burnett (2-for-3, 2 runs, RBI), Shea (1-for-2, walk, run), and Sam Mizonoglu (1-for-3, 2 RBIs) accounted for the base knocks. Josh Lis and Nick Michaels also drove in one run apiece.

Shea was solid on the mound, recording 13 strikeouts and allowing just four hits, one walk, and one run through six innings. Burnett struck out two batters in an inning of scoreless relief.

Southwick improved to 5-2 overall, 4-1 Bi-County League.



Gateway baseball lead-off hitter Anthony Piquette (2) crosses the plate for the first run of the game Monday against PVCA in Huntington. **(Photo by Chris Putz)**

Terriers nip Bombers in 9th

West Springfield 1, Westfield 0 (9 inn.)

West Springfield scored in extra frames to escape the Whip City with a "W". Terriers pitcher Andrew Corley (4 Ks)

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Jim Hagan (3) makes contact. **(Photo by Marc St.Onge)**



Paul Shibley (2) avoids the pickoff attempt at first base. **(Photo by Marc St.Onge)**



Mike Hall (22) and Ryan Paro (8) try to get the pickoff against West Side. **(Photo by Marc St.Onge)**



Westfield's Mike Hall (22) fires one in during Monday's game with West Side. **(Photo by Marc St.Onge)**



The West Side first baseman misses the throw and Ryan Paro (8) moves past first to second base. **(Photo by Marc St.Onge)**



Spencer Clouter (9) about to make contact. **(Photo by Marc St.Onge)**

HIGH SCHOOL STANDINGS, RESULTS

GIRLS LACROSSE
Westfield 4-4
St. Mary's 1-6

BOYS LACROSSE
Westfield 5-3
St. Mary's 1-2*

BOYS VOLLEYBALL
Westfield 10-1
Southwick 6-6

SOFTBALL
Westfield 4-2
Southwick 2-0*
Gateway 4-3
Westfield Technical Academy 0-1

BASEBALL
Westfield 3-3
Southwick 5-2
Westfield Technical Academy 5-1
St. Mary's 1-6
Gateway 1-0*

GIRLS TENNIS
St. Mary's 2-5
Westfield 2-3

BOYS TENNIS
St. Mary's 1-3
Westfield 0-0*

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
Southwick 1-0
Westfield 1-0

BOYS TRACK & FIELD
Southwick 0-1
Westfield 0-0

JV SOFTBALL
St. Mary's 5-0

*Game Reports Missing

MONDAY'S RESULTS
BASEBALL
Gateway 2, PVCA 1
Southwick 6, Palmer 1
SOFTBALL
Westfield 4, Chicopee 3
Gateway 22, Sci-Tech 4
BOYS LACROSSE
Westfield 11, Northampton 2
Chicopee Comprehensive 14, St. Mary's 3
BOYS VOLLEYBALL
Central 3, Southwick 0
BOYS TENNIS
Central 5, St. Mary's 0
GIRLS TENNIS
St. Mary's 5, Palmer 0

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2019 HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SPRING SCHEDULE

WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Tues., April 30
GIRLS LACROSSE vs. Granby, Roots Athletics Center, 4 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS vs. Northampton, 4 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS @ Agawam HS, 4 p.m.
JV SOFTBALL vs. Minnechaug, 4 p.m.
SOFTBALL vs. Minnechaug, 4 p.m.
GIRLS TRACK & FIELD at Longmeadow HS, 4 p.m.

Wed., May 1
BASEBALL @ East Longmeadow HS, 3:30 p.m.
SOFTBALL @ Northampton HS, 4 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS @ Northampton, JFK Middle School, 4 p.m.
JV BASEBALL @ East Longmeadow HS, 3:30 p.m.
JV SOFTBALL @ Northampton, JFK Middle School, 4 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS @ Turners Falls, 4:15 p.m.

Thurs., May 2
BOYS LACROSSE vs. St. John's, Roots Field, 4 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS vs. Sci-Tech, 4 p.m.
BOYS VOLLEYBALL @ Minnechaug Regional HS, 5 p.m.
JV BOYS LACROSSE vs. St. John's, 4 p.m.
JV BOYS VOLLEYBALL @ Minnechaug Regional HS, 4 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS @ Minnechaug Regional HS, 4 p.m.
JV GIRLS LACROSSE @ Enfield HS, 4 p.m.

Fri., May 3
BASEBALL vs. Amherst-Pelhamn Regional, Bullens Field, 4 p.m.
SOFTBALL vs. East Lomgmeadow, 4 p.m.
JV SOFTBALL vs. East Longmeadow, 4 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS vs. Chicopee Comp, 4 p.m.

Mon., May 6
BASEBALL @ Minnechaug Regional HS, Spec Pond Field, 7 p.m.
BOYS LACROSSE vs. South Hadley, 4 p.m.
SOFTBALL @ Wahconah Regional HS, 4 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS @ West Springfield, Clark Field, 4 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS vs. West Springfield, 4 p.m.
BOYS VOLLEYBALL @ Ludlow HS, 5 p.m.
JV BASEBALL vs. Minnechuag, 4 p.m.
JV BOYS LACROSSE vs. South Hadley, 4 p.m.
JV SOFTBALL @ Wahconah Regional HS, 4 p.m.
JV BOYS VOLLEYBALL @ Ludlow HS, 4 p.m.

SOUTHWICK -TOLLAND -GRANVILLE

Tues., April 30
SOFTBALL vs. McCann Tech, 4 p.m.
JV SOFTBALL vs. McCann Tech, JF Field, 4 p.m.
JV BOYS VOLLEYBALL @ Athol High School, 4 p.m.
BOYS VOLLEYBALL @ Athol High School, 5 p.m.

Wed., May 1
BASEBALL @ St. Mary's, Westfield Intermediate School, 4 p.m.
SOFTBALL @ Granby Jr./Sr. HS, 4 p.m.
JV SOFTBALL @ Granby Jr./Sr. HS, 4 p.m.

Thurs., May 2
GIRLS TRACK & FIELD vs. Palmer, 4 p.m.
BOYS VOLLEYBALL @ Holyoke HS, 5:15 p.m.
JV BOYS VOLLEYBALL @ Holyoke HS, 4 p.m.

Fri., May 3
SOFTBALL @ Hopkins Academy HS, 4 p.m.
JV SOFTBALL @ Hopkins Academy HS, 4 p.m.

Mon., May 6
BASEBALL @ Ware, Memorial Field, 4 p.m.
SOFTBALL vs. Pope Francis, Whalley Park, 7 p.m.
JV BASEBALL @ Ware Jr./Sr. HS, 4 p.m.
JV SOFTBALL vs. St. Mary's, 4 p.m.
GIRLS TRACK & FIELD @ Hampshire Regional HS, 4 p.m.
BOYS TRACK & FIELD vs. Palmer, Time TBD

Tues., May 7
BASEBALL vs. Taconic, 4 p.m.
JV BASEBALL vs. Taconic, 4 p.m.

Wed., May 8
SOFTBALL @ Sabis International Charter School, 4 p.m.
BOYS VOLLEYBALL @ West Springfield HS, 5 p.m.
JV SOFTBALL @ Sabis, Greenleaf Park, 4 p.m.
JV BOYS VOLLEYBALL @ West Springfield HS, 4 p.m.

Thurs., May 9
GIRLS TRACK & FIELD vs. Sci-Tech, 4 p.m.

Fri., May 10
BASEBALL vs. Monson, 4 p.m.
SOFTBALL vs. Monson, 4 p.m.
BOYS VOLLEYBALL vs. Commerce, 5 p.m.
JV BASEBALL vs. Monson, 4 p.m.
JV SOFTBALL vs. Monson, 4 p.m.

WESTFIELD TECHNICAL ACADEMY

Tues., April 30
BASEBALL @ Gateway Regional High School, 4 p.m.
SOFTBALL @ Pathfinder Regional-Vocational-Technical High School, 4 p.m.
JV BASEBALL @ Gateway Regional High School, 4 p.m.

Wed., May 1
BASEBALL vs. Sci-Tech, Bullens Field, 4 p.m.

Thurs., May 2
BASEBALL vs. Lenox, Bullens Field, 4:30 p.m.
SOFTBALL vs. Renaissance, Whitney Park Field, 4 p.m.
JV BASEBALL vs. Lenox, Jachym Field, 4:30 p.m.

Tues., May 7
BASEBALL vs. Commerce, Bullens Field, 7 p.m.
SOFTBALL @ Gateway Regional HS, 4 p.m.

Wed., May 8
SOFTBALL vs. John J. Duggan Academy, Whitney Park Field, 4 p.m.

Fri., May 10
BASEBALL vs. Smith Vocational, Bullens Field, 4 p.m.
SOFTBALL @ Smith Vocational, Sheldon Field, 4 p.m.
JV BASEBALL @ Smith Vocational, Arcanum Field, 4 p.m.

Mon., May 13
SOFTBALL vs. Hampden Charter School of Science, Whitney Park Field, 4 p.m.
BASEBALL vs. Pioneer Valley Christian Academy, Bullens Field, 4 p.m.

Tues., May 14
BASEBALL @ Pathfinder, St. Joe's Field, 4 p.m.
SOFTBALL vs. Paulo Friere Social Justice Charter School, Whtiney Park Field, 4 p.m.
JV BASEBALL vs. Pathfinder, Jachym Field, 4 p.m.

Wed., May 15
SOFTBALL vs. Sci-Tech, Whitney Park Field, 4 p.m.

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

Tues., April 30
BOYS LACROSSE vs. Belchertown, Boardman Field, 4 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS vs. Pioneer Valley Christian Academy, Municipal Tennis Courts, 4 p.m.
JV SOFTBALL @ Pathfinder Regional-Vocational-Technical High School, 4 p.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE @ Hoosac Valley High School, 4:30 p.m.

Wed., May 1
BASEBALL vs. Southwick, Westfield Intermediate School, 4 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS vs. Frontier, Municipal Tennis Courts, 4 p.m.
JV SOFTBALL vs. Central, Whitney Park, 4 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS vs. Holyoke, Municipal Tennis Courts, 4:30 p.m.

Thurs., May 2
BOYS LACROSSE vs. Central, Boardman Field, 4 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS @ Chicopee, Szot Park, 4 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS @ Turners Falls HS, 3:30 p.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE @ Central, Commerce Field, 4:30 p.m.

Fri., May 3
BASEBALL @ Palmer, Legion Field, 4 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS @ Mohawk Trail Regional HS, 3:30 p.m.
JV SOFTBALL @ Gateway, Littleville Elementary School, 4 p.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE vs. Amherst-Pelham, Boardman Field, 5:15 p.m.

Mon., May 6
BASEBALL vs. Monson, Westfield Intermediate School, 4 p.m.
BOYS LACROSSE @ Pathfinder, 4 p.m.
JV SOFTBALL @ Southwick Regional HS, 4 p.m.

Tues., May 7
GIRLS TENNIS vs. Sabis, Municipal Tennis Courts, 4 p.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE vs. Pope Francis, Boardman Field, 4:30 p.m.
JV SOFTBALL @ Hampden Charter School of Science, Bowie Field, 4 p.m.

Wed., May 8
BOYS LACROSSE vs. McCann Tech, Boardman Field, 4 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS @ Sabis, Forest Park, 3:30 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS @ Hampden Charter School of Science, 3:30 p.m.

GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL

Tues., April 30
BASEBALL vs. Westfield Technical Academy, 4 p.m.
SOFTBALL @ Renaissance School, Marshall Roy, Diamond #5, 4 p.m.
JV BASEBALL vs. Westfield Technical Academy, 4 p.m.

Thurs., May 2
BASEBALL vs. Sci-Tech, 4 p.m.
SOFTBALL @ Pathfinder HS, 4 p.m.
JV SOFTBALL @ Pathfinder HS, 4 p.m.

Fri., May 3
JV SOFTBALL vs. St. Mary's, Littleville Elementary School, 4 p.m.

Mon., May 6
SOFTBALL vs. Pathfinder, 4 p.m.
JV SOFTBALL vs. Central, Littleville Elementary School, 4 p.m.
BASEBALL @ Commerce, Forest Park (Diamond #1), 4 p.m.

Tues., May 7
BASEBALL @ Franklin Tech HS, 4 p.m.
SOFTBALL vs. Westfield Technical Academy, 4 p.m.
JV BASEBALL vs. Franklin Tech, 4 p.m.

Wed., May 8
SOFTBALL @ Smith Academy HS, 4 p.m.
JV SOFTBALL @ Smith Academy HS, 4 p.m.

Fri., May 10
BASEBALL @ McCann Tech, Joe Wolfe Field, 4 p.m.
SOFTBALL vs. Commerce, 4 p.m.
JV BASEBALL @ McCann Tech HS, 4 p.m.
JV SOFTBALL vs. Smith Vocational, Littleville Elementary School, 4 p.m.

Tues., May 14
BASEBALL vs. Duggan Academy, 4 p.m.
SOFTBALL @ Franklin Tech HS, 4 p.m.
JV SOFTBALL vs. St. Mary, Littleville Elementary School, 4 p.m.

Wed., May 15
SOFTBALL @ Sabis International Charter School, 4 p.m.
JV SOFTBALL @ Sabis, Greenleaf Park, 4 p.m.
JV BASEBALL @ Lee, 4 p.m.
BASEBALL @ Lee, 4 p.m.

2019 FUTURES LEAGUE SCHEDULE: Westfield Starfires

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Wed., May 29
Westfield Starfires @ Bristol
Fri., May 31
Pittsfield @ Westfield Starfires
Sat., June 1
Westfield Starfires @ Bristol
Sun., June 2
Westfield Starfires @ Pittsfield
Mon., June 3
Pittsfield @ Westfield Starfires
Tues., June 4
Brockton @ Westfield Starfires
Wed., June 5
Bristol @ Westfield Starfires
Thurs., June 6
Westfield Starfires @ Worcester
Fri., June 7
Westfield Starfires @ Nashua
Sat., June 8
Bristol @ Westfield Starfires
Sun., June 9
Westfield Starfires @ North Shore
Mon., June 10
Westfield Starfires @ Nashua
Wed., June 12
Westfield Starfires @ Pittsfield
Thurs., June 13
North Shore @ Westfield Starfires
Fri., June 14
Westfield Starfires @ North Shore
Sat., June 15
Westfield Starfires @ Nashua
Sun., June 16
Nashua @ Westfield Starfires
Mon., June 17
Westfield Starfires @ Worcester
Wed., June 19
Brockton @ Westfield Starfires
Thurs., June 20
Westfield Starfires @ Brockton
Fri., June 21
Pittsfield @ Westfield Starfires
Sun., June 23
Bristol @ Westfield Starfires
Mon., June 24
Worcester @ Westfield Starfires
Tues., June 25
Pittsfield @ Westfield Starfires
Wed., June 26
Nashua @ Westfield Starfires
Thurs., June 27
Westfield Starfires @ Brockton
Fri., June 28
Westfield Starfires @ Worcester
Sat., June 29
Nashua @ Westfield Starfires
Sun., June 30
Brockton @ Westfield Starfires
Tues., July 2
North Shore @ Westfield Starfires
Wed., July 3
Brockton @ Westfield Starfires
Fri., July 5
North Shore @ Westfield Starfires
Sat., July 6
Worcester @ Westfield Starfires
Sun., July 7
Worcester @ Westfield Starfires
Mon., July 8
Westfield Starfires @ Pittsfield
Tues., July 9
Bristol @ Westfield Starfires
Wed., July 10
Nashua @ Westfield Starfires
Thurs., July 11
Westfield Starfires @ Bristol
Fri., July 12
Westfield Starfires @ Brockton
Sun., July 14
Westfield Starfires @ Brockton
Tues., July 16
League All-Star Game @ Pittsfield
Thurs., July 18
Westfield Starfires @ North Shore
Fri., July 19
Westfield Starfires @ Nashua
Sat., July 20
Westfield Starfires @ Bristol
Sun., July 21
Westfield Starfires @ Worcester
Tues., July 23
Westfield Starfires @ North Shore
Wed., July 24
Westfield Starfires @ Pittsfield
Thurs., July 25
Westfield Starfires @ Nashua
Fri., July 26
Bristol @ Westfield Starfires
Sat., July 27
Worcester @ Westfield Starfires
Mon., July 29
Westfield Starfires @ Pittsfield
Tues., July 30
North Shore @ Westfield Starfires
Thurs., Aug. 1
Worcester @ Westfield Starfires
Fri., Aug. 2
Westfield Starfires @ Brockton
Sat., Aug. 3
Westfield Starfires @ Worcester
Sun., Aug. 4
Pittsfield @ Westfield Starfires

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Chicopee vs. Westfield Softball



Taking the circle for Westfield against Chicopee Erin Gour.



On a ground ball up the middle, Westfield pitcher Erin Gour snags it and flips to first baseman Carina Franco for the out.



Catcher Emma LaPoint gets a hold of one and drives it to deep center for a fence double.

PHOTOS BY BILL DEREN

H.S. Roundup

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tossed a two-hitter over all nine innings.

Westfield pitcher Mike Hall was up to the task, delivering eight scoreless innings, while striking out seven batters. He walked three. Bombers' reliever Jimmy Hagan allowed one hit, one run (unearned), and struck out three.

SOFTBALL

Baker lifts Bombers

Westfield 4, Chicopee 3

Hannah Baker (2-for-3) delivered the game-winning RBI single in the sixth inning; and Emma LaPoint and Carly James each had a single, double, and run scored to lift Westfield in a thriller at home.

Erin Gour earned the win on the mound for Westfield. She struck out eight.

Gators chase 'Cats

Gateway 22, Sci-Tech 4

Nicole Hannigan went 3-for-3, and Allison Manos, Ava Auclair (double), and Grace Van Buren had two hits apiece for Gateway. Gators' Kaitlyn Quinn also doubled.

Gateway pitcher Nicole Hannigan recorded seven Ks.

Colts down Saints

Chicopee Comprehensive 14, St. Mary's 3

Devin Bunyan and Dylan Seymour scored three goals apiece to down St. Mary's at Boardman Field.

Aaron Blanchard led St. Mary's with two goals and two assists. Saints' Byron Dudas had one goal, and Evan Ploof had one assist.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Golden Eagles sweep Rams

Central def. Southwick 25-8, 25-17, 29-27

Tyler Gellert (2 blocks), Mason Imbriglio (7 digs), Andy Brown (2 kills, 1 ace), Collin Strain (2 kills), and Nick Brown (6 assists) led Southwick.

BOYS TENNIS

Young, Howes battle

Central 5, St. Mary's 0

St. Mary's Tom Young and Ben Howes nearly pulled off a dramatic victory against Central's Jeremy Martinez and Taeshawn Kelly at second doubles, rallying from a first-set loss on tie-breaker to win a second set by tiebreaker, before falling in yet another tiebreaker in the final set.

"This small school versus large school match was a demonstration of how players show very good effort and sportsmanship, no matter what the score," St. Mary's boys tennis head coach George Hart said. The score … may not show it, but their efforts definitely demonstrated improved skills."

GIRLS TENNIS

Saints shut out Panthers

St. Mary's 5, Palmer 0

St. Mary's Jessica Crosby toppled Palmer's Will White, 6-4, 6-4 at first singles; Amelia Murray defeated Emma Martin, 6-2, 6-1 at second singles; and, Erin Olearcek beat Amelia Bachand, 6-0, 7-6, (10-6).

Saints' Maura O'Neill and Ally Rougemont downed Sasha Bernard and Maria Bealieu 6-1, 7-5 at first doubles; and, Caroline Leahy and Catherine Seklecki held off Olivia DeSantis and Renee chaples 6-3, 7-5.

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On a ball hit deep in the outfield, right fielder Hannah Baker makes the catch and secures the ball for the out.

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Dear Annie

By ANNIE LANE

Furry Foes and Floppy Friends

Dear Annie: My friend Jess and I recently moved into a three-bedroom apartment together. We each have one cat. We knew it would be challenging to integrate the cats at first, but we figured that it wouldn't be too difficult in such a spacious place. Boy were we wrong. Every night is fight night for these cats. I wake up several times a night to them body slamming each other, from the sound of it. I can't tell if they're fighting or just roughhouse playing, but it doesn't sound good. I get out of bed to detach them; two hours later we repeat the whole scene. Jess and I have tried separating them at night, but our place is carpeted and when we shut the doors the cats start trying to dig trenches underneath. We don't want them destroying the carpet of our rental. We're locked into our lease for another nine months -- and moving is such a pain that I'd hate to have to move again, even after our lease is up. Do you or your readers have any tips for making cats get along? The sleepless nights are starting to catch up with me. -- Tired of the Night Prowls

Dear Tired: A harmonious multicat household starts with preparation: keeping the cats in separate rooms and slowly introducing them to each other via scent by exchanging blankets that they sleep on, for instance. But there's no use mewing over spilled milk.

I'd recommend using a feline pheromone diffuser, such as Feliway, to foster a more relaxed environment for the cats. Install several throughout the apartment for best results. Also, be sure there are ample feline facilities: Vets often recommend one litter box per cat plus one more, so you should have three. And, of course, play with them and be sure they get lots of exercise. Do everything you can during the day to tucker the little tigers out for the night. If I hear any ace tips from readers, I'll be sure to print them here.

Dear Annie: Every year when Easter comes around, many well-meaning people purchase adorable bunnies for their children.

I have two rabbits I adore. However a huge amount of work is required for these pets, and I wanted to share some of my tips and warnings.

1) Rabbits are constantly chewing on furniture, cutting wires, etc. A room that is "rabbit-proofed" is needed for everyone's safety.

2) A good-sized cage is needed, but also give the rabbit some free time to run around outside of the cage every day, too. I let mine run around free about five hours a day.

3) Most rabbits can be trained to use a litter box, but it is normal for them to leave "pellets" on the floor that are easy to clean up.

4) They need to eat hay all day so their intestinal systems run properly. I give my bunnies rabbit kibble twice a day and vegetables twice a day as well. Check the internet for the right vegetables to give them. They are not able to vomit so everything they eat must be carefully chosen.

5) Litter should be changed twice a day. They enjoy kicking litter and hay outside their cages, so keep the vacuum handy!

Rabbits are one of the most abandoned animals in our society. However, if you are ready to do the work, you will have an adorable companion for a long time to come! -- Mrs. Roberta F.

Dear Mrs. Roberta: These are all great and timely tips. I'd like to add that anyone thinking of getting a rabbit should adopt, not shop. As you mentioned, rabbits are frequently abandoned, and as they can live up to 10 years, there are plenty of bunnies in shelters right now in need of fur-ever homes. Thanks for writing.

HINTS FROM HELOISE

PROM POINTERS



Dear Readers: May is PROM MONTH. The excitement of graduation, summertime fun, freedom and friendship all combine for a festive celebration, a night of memories and a rite of passage. But what should always come first? Safety! The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov) put out the following hints:

In the rush to get glamorous, there can be dangers. Tanning, crash diets, too-tight gowns, sky-high shoes and up-to-the-minute skin and hair treatments can all end badly. A natural, fresh, healthy, conservative and pretty look is best.

Tell your teen: Have a plan. Make sure someone is available if an emergency arises. One obvious no-no: using drugs and alcohol.

Never ride in a car with someone who is drunk or high; going as a group and pitching in for a limousine is a safe option.

After-prom parties can be fun, but ensure you and your teen know exactly where the after-party is, who is hosting it and what time the party ends. The school usually hosts an event; call to get details.

This is an exciting time of the year. Talking to your teen about safety will certainly elicit an eye-roll or two, but carry on. -- Heloise

HOW DO YOU HINT?

Dear Heloise: No doubt you receive hundreds of hints by email and mail, which I dutifully read. Do you have a particular selection criterion for determining which hints are suitable for printing? -- Richard W., Hedgesville, W.Va.

Richard, I love your question! We try to publish a variety of hints that will hopefully appeal to a broad range of people. We do receive hundreds of hints per week, and we pick the most popular, and seasonal, for publication. Thanks for your readership! -- Heloise

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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	9		3	1	8		2	
3					2			
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Complete the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

4/30 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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TV Sports Listings

Tuesday, Apr. 30

COLLEGE BASEBALL
7 p.m.
SEC — Southeast Missouri vs. Missouri

COLLEGE SOFTBALL
7 p.m.
FS1 — DePaul at Illinois

GOLF
3 p.m.
GOLF — PGA Golf: PGA Professional Championship, third round, Bluffton, S.C.

MLB BASEBALL
7 p.m.
MLB — St. Louis at Washington OR Detroit at Philadelphia

NBA BASKETBALL
8 p.m.
TNT — NBA Playoff: Boston at Milwaukee, East Semifinals, Game 2
10:30 p.m.
TNT — NBA Playoff: Houston at Golden State, West Semifinals, Game 2

NHL HOCKEY
7 p.m.
NBCSN — Stanley Cup Playoff: Boston at Columbus, East 2nd Round, Game 3
10 p.m.
NBCSN — Stanley Cup Playoff: San Jose at Colorado, West 2nd Round, Game 3

SOCCER (MEN'S)
3 p.m.
TNT — UEFA Champions League: Tottenham vs. Ajax

At The Movies

Summer Movie Preview: Sequels galore, but original gems too

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pass the popcorn, the summer movie season is here and all the spectacle and air-conditioned respite it offers audiences. Summer at the movies has long been synonymous with blockbusters and franchises that are easy to spend a few hours with. For the most part, 2019 is no different.

You want superheroes? You've got "Spider-Man: Far From Home" and "Dark Phoenix" on the horizon. Or sequels? There's "Toy Story 4," "John Wick: Chapter 3 — Parabellum," "Godzilla: King of the Monsters," "The Secret Life of Pets 2," and even a "Fast & Furious" spin-off, "Hobbs & Shaw." How about a reboot with a casting twist? Look no further than the "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" update "The Hustle," with Anne Hathaway and Rebel Wilson, or "Men In Black: International," with Tessa Thompson and Chris Hemsworth. Biopics? "Rocketman" is coming and "Brian Banks" too. A literary adaptation? There's "The Sun Is Also a Star" and "Where'd You Go Bernadette?" Or a remake of an animated classic? Disney has you covered with two: "Aladdin" and "The Lion King."

But there is also a world of original films that will add fresh stories, unique perspectives, depth and diversity to the mix. And they're not all indies either. Some studios are making big gestures, with original horrors, comedies and major releases from auteurs: Quentin Tarantino has his 1969 Manson-era Los Angeles film "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood," which Sony will release; and Danny Boyle has "Yesterday," coming from Universal.

"Yesterday," while a fresh conceit, does have a big recognizable selling point: It's about the music of The Beatles and what happens when everyone in the world forgets that they ever existed — except one struggling musician.

Boyle laughed that the songs are "both the enabler and the destroyer. Because if you get them wrong, it's terrible, there's nothing worse. If you get them right, it gives you an advantage."

He even made the bold choice to cast a relatively unknown actor in the lead role.

"Any studio is going to prefer one of the leading men if you can get it," Boyle said. "But there's a natural inhibitor here: They've got to be able to play Beatles songs."

The one who stood out in a sea of "Yesterday" auditions was Himesh Patel, who Boyle said made them sound new.

"It's not cheap making a Beatles movie. The Beatles songs cost money. But (the studio) saw the audition and they bought into him," Boyle said. "He's a lovely discovery. He has a modern sense of humor."

It's not the only big original movie coming out this summer featuring a South Asian lead, either. There's the Bruce Springsteen-soundtracked film "Blinded by the Light," from "Bend It Like Beckham" director Gurinder Chadha , the Uber driver who gets in over his head comedy "Stuber," with Kumail Nanjiani, and Mindy Kaling's "Late Night," in which she plays a diversity hire on a late night talk show writing staff.

There's also diversity in the independent realm with two notable and highly personal visions manifested in Lulu Wang's "The Farewell," with Awkwafina, and "The Last Black Man in San Francisco," both A24 releases.

Wang's semi-autobiographical film about a Chinese-American family who decides to keep their Chinese grandmother's terminal illness from her, was a breakout at the Sundance Film Festival.

"To have an entire film of Asian faces and then have it predominantly be not English language, but to still have it be American financed and distributed and marketed as a US production is not the usual," Wang said.

"The Last Black Man in San Francisco" is another exciting discovery from newcomer Jimmie Fails who wrote and stars in this story about gentrification and loving a home that's no longer yours.

"I love that company," Fails said of A24. "They give young, new voices a platform."

Another outfit taking gambles on new stories is Annapurna, which backed Olivia Wilde's directorial debut "Booksmart," a sure-to-be breakout about two high school overachievers and devoted good girls who decide to go to a party one night.

Focus Features is releasing Jim Jarmusch's star-studded zombie-comedy, "The Dead Don't Die," with Bill Murray and Adam Driver, and Neon has "Wild Rose," about an Irish mother of two youngsters, recently released from prison, who dreams of being a country music star.

Some found luck with Netflix, like Amy Poehler with "Wine Country," which is based on a real trip she took with Maya Rudolph, Tina Fey, Rachel Dratch and others. In the film, the group of friends gets together in Napa to celebrate a 50th birthday.

"There are just not enough representations of long female relationships," Poehler said. "We're obsessed with the beginnings and endings of things and there's so much to tell in the middle."

The film will be getting a limited theatrical run, too, but she likes that audiences will have the option to watch it with wine and then just roll into bed if they want.

"The summer can be a land of opportunity for films that offer an antidote to the overwhelming onslaught of blockbusters that are the stock in trade of the industry's biggest season," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for Comscore.

Of course it's usually the franchises that earn the most. Last summer the top five films were all sequels and accounted for over 40 percent of the overall summer box office. The last time a non-animated original topped the summer box office was in 1998 with "Saving Private Ryan." And this year needs all the help it can get, even with the "Avengers: Endgame" boost, the year is still down 13.3% .

But the originals have a chance to provide upside. There's rarely the kind of grassroots-level buzz as when something truly fresh comes along.

"Last summer was a great example of how original and fresh concepts were big drivers during the summer months with 'The Meg,' 'Crazy Rich Asians,' 'Book Club,' 'Tag' as well as the documentary 'Won't You Be My Neighbor?' all performing better than expected at the box office," noted Dergarabedian.

And it's something that creators and studios are fighting to preserve.

"People like original content and are excited when there are good original movies. I think they also like big franchises but I think there's room for both," said Seth Rogen, who produced two original films this summer with "Long Shot" and the sixth graders go wild film "Good Boys." "Studios have an appetite for both."



This Aug. 14, 2009 file photo shows a van decorated with "Woodstock or Bust" at the original Woodstock Festival site in Bethel, N.Y. Woodstock 50 is proving to be as chaotic as the original festival held in 1969. A financial investor in the festival announced Monday, April 29, 2019, it was pulling its funding from the anniversary event, set to take place Aug. 16-18 in Watkins Glen, N.Y. **(AP Photo/ Stephen Chernin, File)**

Woodstock co-founder insists anniversary festival still on

By MESFIN FEKADU
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Woodstock 50 will go on despite the loss of a major financial partner, according to the organizers of the beleaguered anniversary event.

In a statement released late Monday, Woodstock 50 co-founder Michael Lang and Woodstock LLC said that they were "committed to ensuring that the 50th anniversary of Woodstock is marked with a festival deserving of its iconic name and place in American history and culture."

They said that would continue despite the announcement earlier in the day that a financial investor was dropping out of the event, scheduled for Aug 16-18 in Watkins Glen, New York.

"Although our financial partner is withdrawing, we will of course be continuing with the planning of the festival and intend to bring on new partners," the statement read. "The bottom line is, there is going to be a Woodstock 50th Anniversary Festival, as there must be, and it's going to be a blast."

The anniversary event has had some bumps in the road. Tickets were originally supposed to go on sale last week, but that was put on hold. And some of the performers leaked to the press ahead of its announcement.

But the biggest obstacle came on Monday when its major investor pulled out.

"Despite our tremendous investment of time, effort and commitment, we don't believe the production of the festival can be executed as an event worthy of the Woodstock Brand name while also ensuring the health and safety of the artists, partners and attendees," Dentsu Aegis Network's Amplifi Live said in a statement.

That led many to assume that the event would be canceled. Jay-Z, Dead & Company and the Killers were announced as headliners at the concert series, to take place about 115 miles (185 kilometers) northwest of the original site. The event is separate from an anniversary concert planned at the site of the original festival in 1969.

More than 80 artists, including John Fogerty, Miley Cyrus, Santana, Imagine Dragons, Robert Plant and The Sensational Space Shifters, the Black Keys, Chance the Rapper and Janelle Monae, are expected to perform on three main stages at Watkins Glen International racetrack in the Finger Lakes for Woodstock 50.

The original concert was held on a farm in Bethel, New York, that is now run as an attraction by The Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. The venue has its own anniversary event Aug. 16-18 with performances by Ringo Starr, Fogerty and Santana.

COMICS

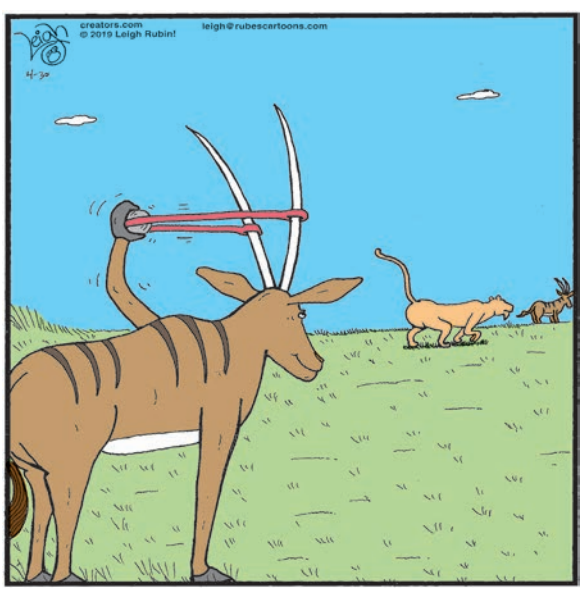
SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly



AGNES Tony Cochran



RUBES Leigh Rubin



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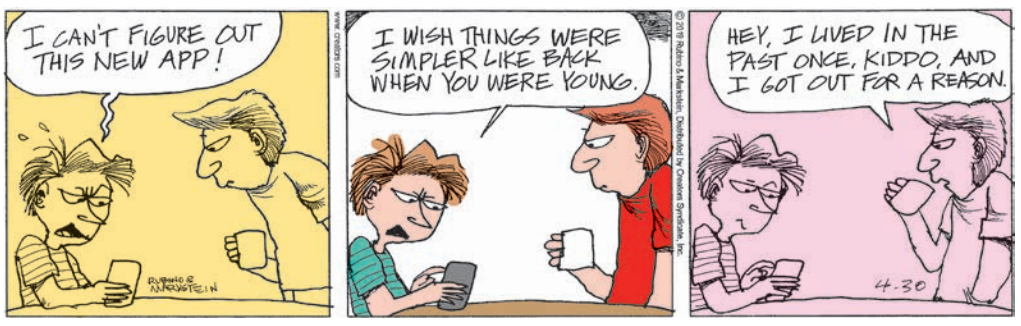

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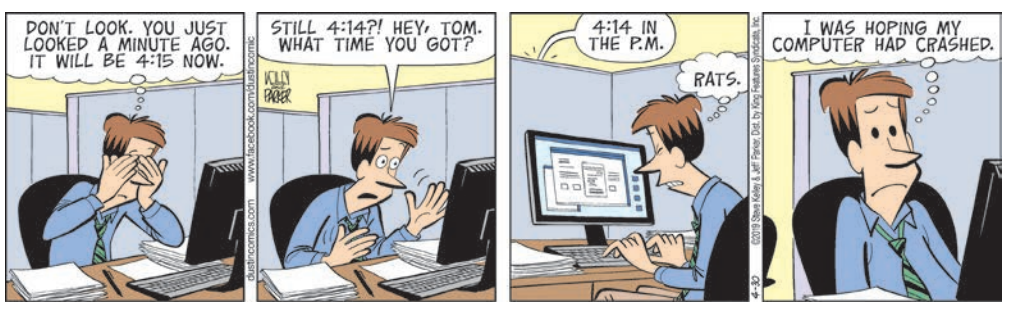

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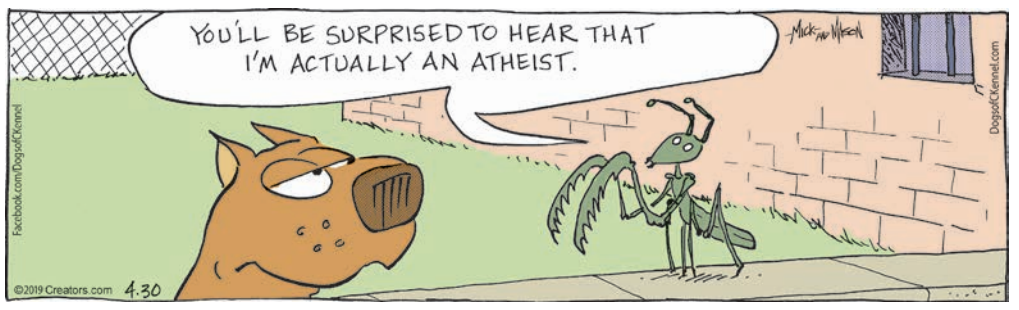

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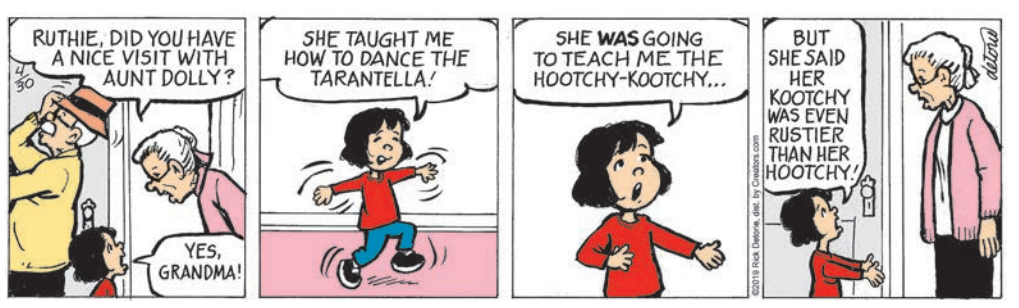

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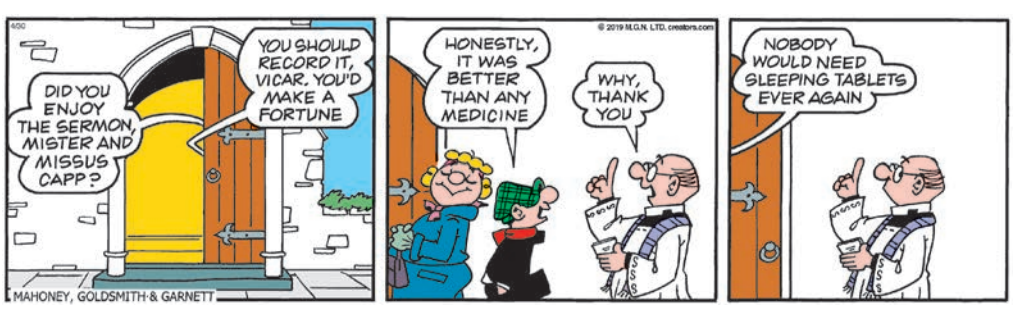

ZACK HILL John Deering and John Newcombe



YOUR HOROSCOPE

By Jaqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, April 30, 2019:

This year, you'll express unusual creativity. You often surprise others with your unique ideas and decisions. Try to eye situations with detachment. If single, you make friends easily, but people often misread your smile and positive attitude. You take your time trusting and getting to know a person. If you're attached, you and your partner look to travel less but have more togetherness. PISCES helps you zero in on what you want.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Your fiery temperament comes out early in the day. Woe to anyone who crosses your path. As a result, a discussion and adjustment could ensue. Opportunities come from left field. Take a hard look at one that appears to be excellent. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ A meeting or key decision could dominate your thoughts and choices. You could discover that someone else might be pressuring you to accomplish a project. As a result, your finances could be affected. Use good sense. Tonight: Think, then slow down and relax with friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Take a stand. Slow down and observe others' reactions. You might not be pleased by what's being shared by one person, but in general, most comments are constructive. Curb a tendency to make sarcastic comments. Tonight: As you like it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your sense of rhythm and your thoughts could be off. Before you make decisions that could affect your work, do more thinking. If you become too impulsive, you might not be pleased by the end results. Tonight: Share ideas with a trusted friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Deal directly with a partner. Although there might be more Sturm und Drang, in the long run, you need to know what's going on. You might feel pushed by a friend who has strong opinions. You might feel sorry that you shared anything about the issue with this person. Tonight: Dinner for two.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might find it difficult to allow a partner or associate to run with the ball. Sometimes, deferring is the best way to go. Each of you has strengths and liabilities. You need to admit that the other party is far more innovative than you are. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You have the unique ability to read between the lines. Your effectiveness is based on timing as well. Allow others to reveal their thoughts. Weigh the pros and cons of a problem and its suggested solutions. Tonight: Say little -- for now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ At the moment, your imagination seems fertile. How and where you direct this energy depends on you. Be smart; focus on an area where you'll make a difference. Others will appreciate your suggestion. Tonight: Manifest a wish.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Pressure builds around you. You have the desire to please or work with a boss as well as a family member. You could have an issue with time or direction. Slow down; take a hard look at what you're juggling. Know that you can handle it all. Tonight: Keep your focus.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Reach out for someone with whom you enjoy sharing. You could easily debate the pros and cons of an idea. Your creativity could be spurred on by a brainstorming session. Speak your mind, yet also detach; see the impact on others. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ One-on-one relating draws the attention of a partner. You both have excellent ideas. While you're more idealistic, the other party is far more practical. Don't be critical. Work together. Each of you has assets. Tonight: Chat and share over dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ What you say has an impact. Express your feelings with diplomacy so that the other party can see what's positive without feeling threatened. Defer to others; listen to various suggestions. The more input you get, the better your concept will be. Tonight: All smiles.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Adaptability saves the day

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q J 2
♥ A 10
♦ 7 6 3 2
♣ K Q 10 3

WEST
♠ 10 6 4 3
♥ 9 7 6 4
♦ Q 9 5 4
♣ 7

EAST
♠ A K 9 7 5
♥ 8
♦ K J 8
♣ J 9 8 5

SOUTH
♠ 8
♥ K Q J 5 3 2
♦ A 10
♣ A 6 4 2

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 ♠	2 ♥	2 ♠	2 NT
3 ♠	4 ♥	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	5 ♥		

Opening lead — three of spades.

One of the challenging aspects of bridge is that it features many exceptions to standard procedure. The trick is to recognize them when they occur and take whatever steps are necessary to secure a favorable outcome.

Consider this deal where East-West took advantage of the favorable vulnerability to drive North-South into five hearts. After winning dummy's jack of spades with the king, East shifted to the diamond eight, taken by the ace. South drew trumps, noting the 4-1 split, and discarded two diamonds from dummy.

With a sure diamond loser yet to come, declarer could not afford a club loser. The normal way to play this combination is to cash the king and then the ace. If the opposing clubs divide 3-2, all is well, but if West turns up with four clubs to the jack, South can then take the proven finesse on the third round. (If East has J-9-x-x, declarer cannot avoid a loser if he broaches the suit himself.)

However, South recognized that this deal was an exception to the usual rule. To raise spades with so few high cards, West had to have at least four of them. West had also turned up with four hearts and had followed to a round of diamonds.

If his remaining four cards were clubs, East would then have to hold six diamonds, which was impossible for two reasons: With K-Q-J-x-x-x of diamonds, East would not have led the eight at trick two, and he also would have opened the bidding with one diamond rather than one spade.

So South cashed his two remaining trumps, discarding a diamond and a small spade from dummy. To guard the clubs, East was forced to retain the J-9-8-5 and the ace of spades as his last five cards.

Declarer next cashed the K-Q of clubs. After West showed out on the second round, dummy's queen of spades was led, South discarding the diamond ten. East won with the ace but then had to lead away from the club jack, and dummy's ten scored the game-going trick.

Tomorrow: Point, counterpoint.

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CROSSWORDS

ACROSS
1 Slightly wet
5 Wild canine
9 Yoga pad
12 Close
13 Actress Perlman
14 Green prefix
15 Requiring low temperatures
17 Moo — pork
18 Boy, in Barcelona
19 Big name in racing
21 Antlered animals
24 Jubilation
25 Billions of years
26 German
30 Aachen article
31 Postpone
32 Wildebeest
33 Romance-free, as a relationship
35 Head, to Henri
36 Sweet wine
37 King of Judea
38 Snapshot
40 Graceful bird
42 Slithery fish
43 Looking good on the tube, say
48 Part of TNT
49 Lettuce unit
50 Turner or Fey
51 Billboards
52 Evergreens
53 Crisp cookie

DOWN
1 Org. for a major party
2 — Lingus
3 Spring month
4 Plug parts
5 Wee songbird
6 "It can't be!"
7 Floral necklace
8 Teaching staff
9 Courier
10 Dull pain
11 Go sightseeing
16 USO patrons
20 Ultramodernist
21 Leak out slowly
22 Work hard
23 Maryland's capital
24 Avocado dip, for short
26 Camp shelter
27 Peyton's brother
28 Grooving on
29 Prompted
31 Girl in "The Wizard of Oz"
34 Nanny's charge
35 Beliefs
37 Crone
38 Anti-fur org.
39 Cattle group
40 Cabbage salad
41 Marries
44 Shoe width
45 Diarist Anaïs
46 — tizzy
47 Bottle top

Solution time: 22 mins.

L	Y	L	E	■	M	G	M	■	C	A	P	S
T	E	A	L	E	O	N	I	■	A	V	E	C
R	A	V	E	N	O	U	S	■	R	E	N	O
■	■	■	V	I	N	■	S	E	U	R	A	T
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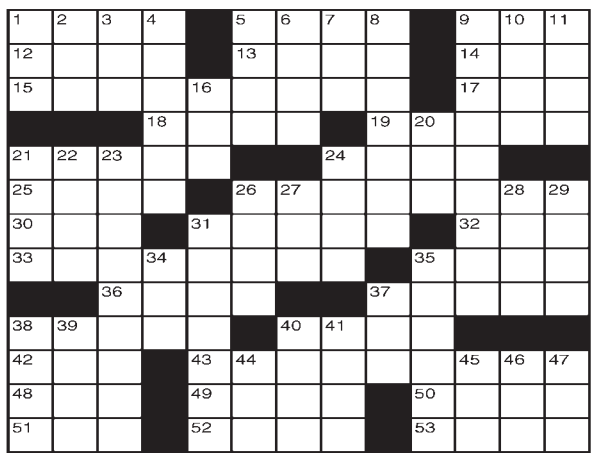

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF TWO ANIMATED CHARACTERS ARE DRAWN ON THE SAME CARTOON FRAME, I'D CALL THEM CEL MATES.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals S

Northampton vs. Westfield Boys' Lacrosse



That's going to leave a mark... Westfield goalie takes a shot off the shoulder that deflects over the crossbar. **(Photos by Bill Deren)**



Coming straight up the slot, Tyler Shrewsbury lets fly with a shot that beats the Northampton goalie.

H.S. Roundup

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BOYS LACROSSE

Clausen, Antonellis boost Bombers

Westfield 11, Northampton 2

Nick Clausen and Dave Antonellis netted hat tricks in Westfield's convincing victory at Roots.

Westfield's Cam Theriault scored two goals, Will Cameron had one goal and one assist, and Christian Nalepinski and Tyler Shrewsbury each collected a goal. Bombers' Ryan Metcalf, Will Cameron and Matt Bacon had assists.

Westfield goalie Nick Mee made eight saves.

LATE RESULTS – Sat., April 27
GIRLS LACROSSE
Chicopee Comp 13, St. Mary's 4

Skylar Duda found the back of the net three times, and Sam Moran had one goal for St. Mary's. Saints' April Warner made 11 saves, and Paighton Ramos played well on defense.



Nick Clauson fires an over the top shot that finds the twine for another Westfield goal.

ED NORMAND GOLF LEAGUE AT EMCC

Standings Week 4 of 23 4/25/19

Division 1
43 Bob Bihler – Larry Cournoyer
40 Tom Massimino – Tim Huber
39 Tim Laramee – Dan Laramee
36.5 Tom Denton – Jim Johnson
35.5 Dave Dover – Bill Chaffee
35 Roy Barton – Bill Reinhagen
34 Jim Strycharz – Richard Roy
33 Dave Dubois – Alan Velazquez
32.5 Joe Boutin – Henry Smith
32.5 Bob Lewko – Richard Hebert
30 Dan Burns – Mike Manijak
28.5 Marty Tyler – Stan Jackson

Division 2
41 Mike Douville – Jody Wehr
40 Bruce Kellogg – Richard Kellogg
38.5 Jay O'Sullivan – Rick Burke
37 Bob Collier – Don Clarke
37 Mike Mahan – Joe Hebda
35 Cam Lewis – Bill Grise III
34.5 Gary Gladu – Fran Dwyer
33 Shawn Bradley – Ben Jones
31.5 Paul Carrier – Gary McQuillan
30 Carlos Santos – Bill Grise II
28 Ed Bielonko – Branden Bielonko
15.5 Sean Cahill – Tobe Determined

Division 3
41 Ryan Maloney – Chuck O'Brien
41 Jack Beaudry – John Bagge
40.5 Mark Chase – John Palivoda
37.5 Randy Anderson – Bob Genereux
37.5 Dan Harris – Jim Haas
37.5 Jason George – Dan Van Kruiningan
36 Art Williamson – Al Nubile
33.5 Glenn Grabowski – Jeff Berger
32.5 Rick Brown – Jim Cartwright
31 Mark Grenier – John LaRose
30.5 Bill Williams – Pat Bresnahan
27.5 Mike Soverow – Mike Mulligan

LEGAL NOTICES

April 30, 2019
May 7, 14, 21, 2019

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises:
77 Gary Drive,
Westfield, Massachusetts

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Hanibal Tayeh to Bank Rhode Island, said mortgage dated January 17, 2014, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, in Book 20172 at Page 100, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on May 29, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Property: 77 Gary Drive,
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A parcel of land in Westfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts being known and designated as Lot #S-17 Gary Drive, as shown on a plan entitled "DIVISION OF PROPERTY WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS, FOR: BENJAMIN GERMANO, OWNER, WESTFIELD, MA dated September 20, 1989, Revised November 15, 1989, Scale 1" =100', prepared by D.L. Bean, Inc., Surveyors & Engineers, 40 School Street, Westfield, Massachusetts" recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 269, Page 95.

Subject to Restrictive Covenants dated October 31, 1988 and recorded on December 28, 1988 in said Registry of Deeds in Book 7059, Page 502.

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TERMS OF SALE

A deposit of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00) by cash, certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The Mortgagee and its authorized representatives shall not be required to pay the deposit to bid. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at the law offices of Salter McGowan Sylvia & Leonard, Inc., 56 Exchange Terrace, Providence, RI 02903 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt of the full purchase price.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Bank Rhode Island,

Present holder or authorized by the present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Park & Recreation

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The Gate employee is expected to be able to perform the daily aspects of the job without direct supervision. The Park and Recreation Commission and the Beach Managers have general supervision over the position.

Concession is responsible for serving guests items from the Concession stand. Approximately 16-32 hours per week for approx. 9 weeks. The Beach will be open daily for the Month of July and August.

A copy of the job descriptions and employment application can be obtained at:

www.southwickma.org

or by contacting

The Board of
Selectmen's Office
569-5995

The rate of pay is $12.00 per hour. Applications must be submitted to:

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454 College Highway
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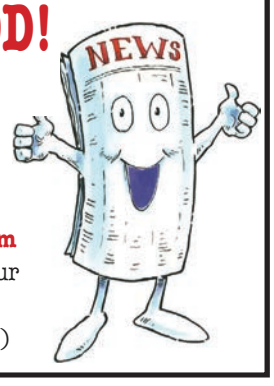

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HELP WANTED

Town of Southwick Park & Recreation Department

Assistant Beach Manager

The Town is seeking interested candidates for the position of Assistant Beach Manager for the Park & Recreation Department. The Assistant Beach Manager is responsible for assisting the Beach Manager with the administration and direction of all work functions on South Pond Beach. Assistant Beach Manager will assist in assigning responsibility, schedule, overseeing all employees, evaluating employees and overseeing the day to day operations of the beach. Hours a week: approx. 24.

Assistant Director will be required to work holidays & weekends as the beach is open 7 days a week. In the absence of the Beach Director the Assistant shall be in charge of the beach. Position is for approx. 9 weeks. Preferred but not required: Life Guard Certification (open water), Standard First Aid and CPR Certification.

A copy of the job descriptions and employment application can be obtained at

www.southwickma.org

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The Board of Selectmen's Office 569-5995

The rate of pay is $12.50 per hour. Applications must be submitted to

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HELP WANTED

Lifeguard

Town of Southwick Park & Recreation Department

The Town is seeking interested candidates for the position of Lifeguard for the Park & Recreation Commission. As Lifeguard at the Southwick South Pond Beach you are responsible for the safety and security of visitors and guests both on the beach and in the water.

Requirements: Standard First Aid and CPR Certification, Lifeguard Certification. Preferred Requirement: Open water certified; if not you will need to be by the opening day of beach. If hired as a lifeguard we can have a class set up for you to be open water certified. Approx. 16-32 hours per week for approx. 9 weeks. The beach is open 7 days a week.

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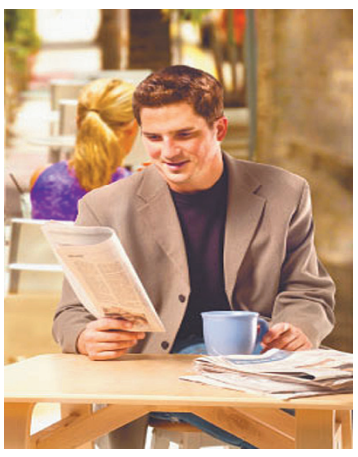

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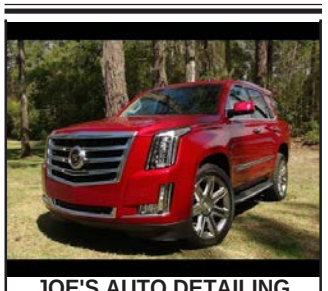

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